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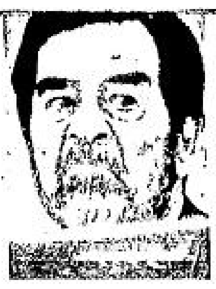

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US Senate report says there were no pre-war ties between Saddam government and al-Qaida operatives

Bush to lead 9/11 rites amid political turmoil

WASHINGTON—PRESIDENT GEORGE W. BUSH scheduled a prime-time speech on the fifth anniversary of Sept. 11 on Monday amid acrimonious election-year debate over whether America is safer and who is to blame for the attacks.

The Oval Office address, marking five years to the hijacked plane attacks that killed almost 3,000 people, is the latest in a series in which Bush has insisted the United States is more

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Hef worried charity ball will ruin Playboy image

WELLINGTON—PLAYBOY founder Hugh Hefner is so worried a charity ball for disadvantaged children in New Zealand will tarnish his empire's reputation that he has reportedly taken legal steps to axe the event.

PAANO NA ANG IMAGE KO? BAKA MAGBAGO ANG TINGIN NILA SA AKIN!

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Legal hurdle falls with lifting of TRO for P3-B payment to Piatco

EDWIN BACASMAS

SMALL PICKINGS
Nineteen-year-old fisherman Ivan Santos holds up his net to dry after catching small shrimp along the coastline of San Rafael, Long Beach, in Noveleta, Cavite. For many like Ivan, rising costs translate to shrinking incomes and living standards.

By Christine O. Avendaño

PRESIDENT MACAPAGAL-Arroyo, who left yesterday to attend the 38-nation Asia-Europe Meeting (Asem) in Helsinki, Finland, will have some good news for the Philippines' European Union trading partners anxious about the controversy-ridden Ninoy Aquino International Airport's Terminal 3. *(See related story on Page A2.)*

Executive Secretary Eduardo Ermita yesterday said the government would take full control and push for the opening, possibly in early 2007, of the mothballed terminal after a major legal obstacle to its possession of the facility has been lifted.

Ermita said the Court of Appeals, in a still-to-be-released ruling issued late Friday, had lifted the injunction it issued on Aug. 29 stopping the payment of a P3-billion initial compensation to the builder of the terminal, the Philippine International Air Terminals Co. (Piatco).

Ermita said Piatco would get the money on Monday at the earliest, and this would pave the way for the Pasay regional court to issue a writ of possession to the government.

With the writ, he said the Manila In-

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Palace to press charges vs antiterror expert

A TOP MALACAÑANG OFFICIAL SAID yesterday he expected the government to press ahead with its case against security expert Samson Macariola despite his public denials that he had carried out a security test on a domestic flight using actual bomb materials.

Executive Secretary Eduardo Ermita said it was up to Macariola to give his side and "how to mitigate the situation."

"*Sa palagay ko tuloy, eh nangyari na. Hindi na puedeng paglaruan ang situation* (I think this will go ahead because it has happened. One can no longer play around with the situation)," Ermita told reporters after seeing off President Macapagal-Arroyo, who left yesterday on a nine-day foreign trip.

Press Secretary Ignacio Bunye said the Palace was not giving much importance to the Macariola story and that it was up to the authorities concerned to file a case against the man, if warranted.

Ermita previously said that Macariola could be charged with violating the Penal Code or, at least, with unjust vexation or causing alarm and scandal.

Little known beyond his circle, Macariola reaped a storm when journalist Arlyn dela Cruz wrote a story about an antiterrorism expert who, she said, had told her about how he was able to slip past airport security and carry bomb components onto a flight from Manila to Davao

PALACE/ A9

Born, raised in RP, Indon would rather be a Pinay

By Tina Arceo-Dumlao

SARANGANI, DAVAO DEL SUR—Farmer Rosita Paparang-Balontia is a woman caught between two worlds.

She was born and raised on Balut Island, one of the two main islands that comprise the Philippines' southernmost municipality of Sarangani, but the Philippine government considers her an alien. (The other island is also called Sarangani.)

Indonesia, on the other hand, recognizes her as a citizen, but she has been to her parents' birthplace only once in her 47 years, and that was back in 1976.

But no matter what legal documents say, Rosita, born in 1959, considers herself more Filipino than Indonesian.

Speaking in Filipino, she told the INQUIRER: "I am already a Filipino because I have lived all my life with Filipinos. I do not consider myself any different from them."

Rosita's parents traveled to Balut from

BORN/ A8

Palparan: Nothing final on post-retirement job

By Christine O. Avendaño and Alcuin Papa

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY EDUARDO ERmita yesterday said Malacañang was still in the process of finalizing its plans for Maj. Gen. Jovito Palparan, who is scheduled to retire on Sept. 11.

"Of course we have plans for him, but this has not yet been finalized," Ermita told reporters at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport, where he and other officials saw off President Macapagal-Arroyo and her party.

"There is nothing definite about [Palparan's appointment]," Ermita said, adding that Ms Arroyo had yet to issue or sign appointment papers for the controversial general.

Ms Arroyo's chief of staff Michael Defensor said on Friday that Palparan, the outgoing commander of the Army's 7th Infantry Division, would be named deputy for anti-insurgency operations in the National Security Council.

But Ermita said that while Defensor did make such an announcement, it still

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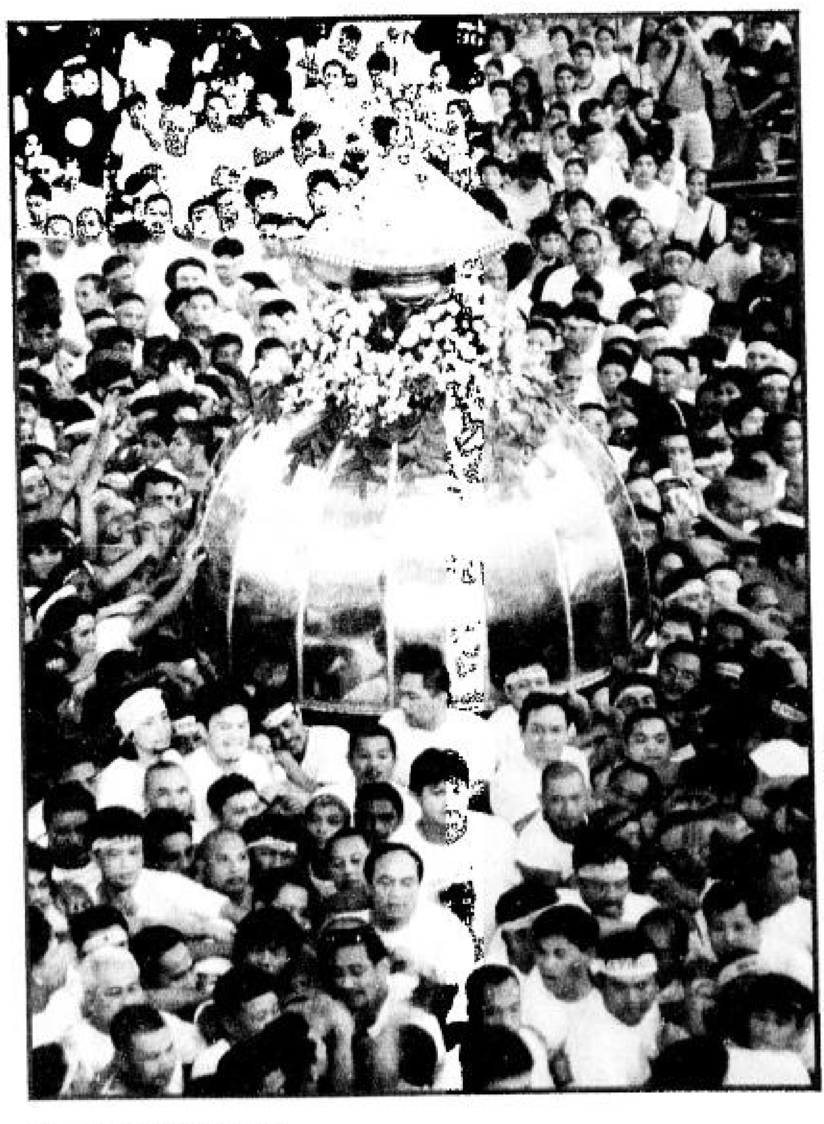
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BICOLANO PIETY
The image of Our Lady of Peñafrancia, the center of many a Bicolano's religious devotion, is carried by thousands of devotees at the start of the novena on Saturday for the grandest of the Philippines' Marian festivals.

WEATHER FORECAST

FORECAST: The whole of Luzon will experience mostly cloudy skies with scattered rainshowers and thunderstorms. The rest of the country will have partly cloudy to at times cloudy skies with isolated rainshowers or thunderstorms.

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Finnish exec raps GMA rights record

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr. and Ma. Ceres P. Doyo

HELSINKI—THE HUMAN RIGHTS RECORD OF President Macapagal-Arroyo's administration will be in the spotlight when she meets her European counterparts during a two-day summit of Asian and European leaders which opens here today.

Ms Arroyo is expected to be quizzed about her administration's appalling human rights record as documented by international human rights advocacy groups, notably the London-based Amnesty International.

The President arrived here yesterday in the first leg of a five-nation swing. She will be proceeding to Belgium, the United Kingdom, Cuba and Hawaii in the US.

In a speech during the opening of the Asia-Europe People's Forum (AEPF) on Sept. 6, Finland Foreign Minister Erkki Tuomioja said that while the EU "warmly welcomed the abolition of the death penalty in the Philippines in June 2006, let me add, however, that we also want to see an end to the political killings which still form a harsh reality of that country."

President Arroyo is one of 38 leaders attending the 6th Asian-Europe Meeting (Asem) at the Helsinki Fair Centre where one of the topics on the agenda is human rights violations in Southeast Asia, specifically Burma (Myanmar), Thailand and the Philippines.

"Open and informal dialogue is one of Asem's prime aims. From the EU's perspective it is furthermore very important that the meeting provides for an opportunity to have a frank and direct exchange also about sensitive and difficult issues, such as human rights and democracy in some Asem partner-states," Tuomioja said.

A rally by a counter-Asem group of nongovernmental organizations is expected to be held at the opening of the Helsinki Summit today to denounce human rights atrocities in the Philippines, Thailand and Myanmar, according to Teresita Zurbano Ruutu, a Filipino pianist who has been residing in Finland for 33 years.

"They (the Europeans) are very sensitive to the reports of Amnesty International and the United Nations. They take these reports (of human rights violations) very seriously," said Philippine Ambassador to Nordic countries Victoria S. Bataclan.

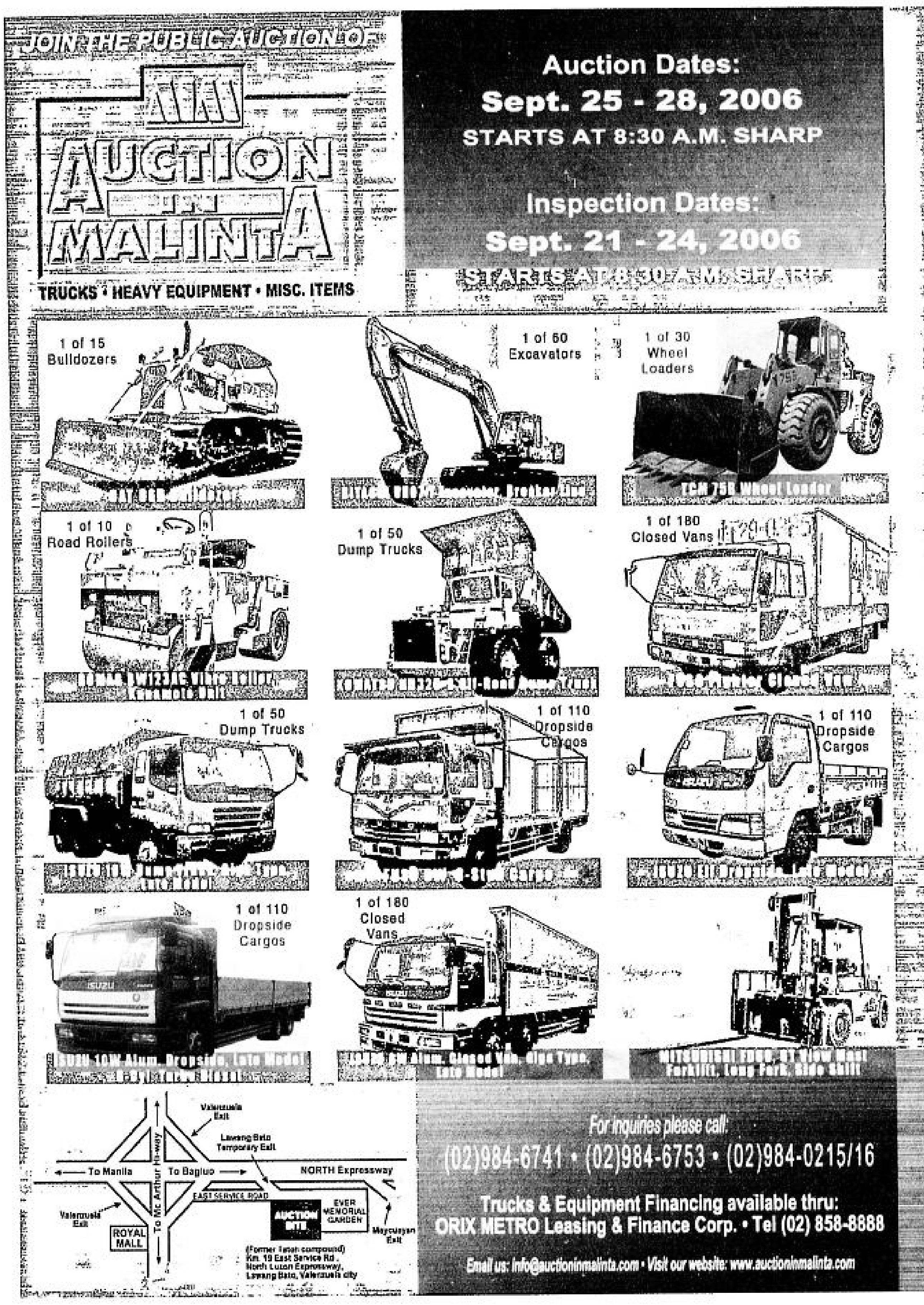
Reports of thousands of unresolved killings of militants and journalists were topical discussions in the European parliament, according to Bataclan who expected this topic to be taken up during the free-wheeling discussions at the Asem "where anything can be discussed."

With Tuomioja calling attention to the wave of political killings in the Philippines, Asian and European civil society groups were hopeful the issue would also be raised at the Asem.

The AEPF is a gathering of NGOs and civil society groups from Asia and Europe that meets every two years at almost the same time as the Asem. The first meeting was held in Bangkok 10 years ago. The AEPF hopes to hold the 2008 assembly in Beijing where the next Asem will be held.

Ms Arroyo, the first Philippine president to visit Northern Europe, was scheduled to meet Finland President Tarja Halonen at 6:15 p.m. (11:15 p.m. Manila time) yesterday at her official residence, Mantyniemi.

Bataclan said the two women world leaders will discuss ways to improve trade relations between the two countries. The Philippines imports more than it exports to Finland, which has led to a trade deficit of $42.877 million last year.



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Asem marks 10-yr partnership

LEADERS OF 10 ASEAN COUNTRIES, CHINA, Japan, Korea, 25 European Union member-states and the president of the European Commission are meeting at the sixth summit of the Asia-Europe Meeting (Asem) in Helsinki on Sept. 10-11.

The gathering is cause for celebration and reflection as 10 years have passed since the inaugural summit in Bangkok. It will provide an excellent occasion to see how far Asem has lived up to expectations and to consider where the Asia-Europe partnership should be heading.

Asia-Europe relations achieved significant progress in the past decade.

Economic relations have strengthened, with trade between the two regions now accounting for more than 43 percent of the total world trade in goods. Asem partners together account for about 52 percent of the world's GDP.

The scope of political dialogue has been widened and now covers human rights and the rule of law as well as global threats and broad security issues, such as factors conducive to the spread of terrorism and conflict prevention.

Interaction in cultural dialogue and cooperation has also improved mutual awareness and understanding.

Asem has served to build consensus among its members, thereby facilitating progress in other multilateral forums.

It has been instrumental in developing shared values and interests, thus helping to promote regional cooperation and provide momentum toward future community-building in East Asia.

By acting together, Asem partners now have the critical mass to help bring about global change.

At the transregional level, Asem interlinks business communities, parliaments, nongovernment organizations and other representatives of civil society.

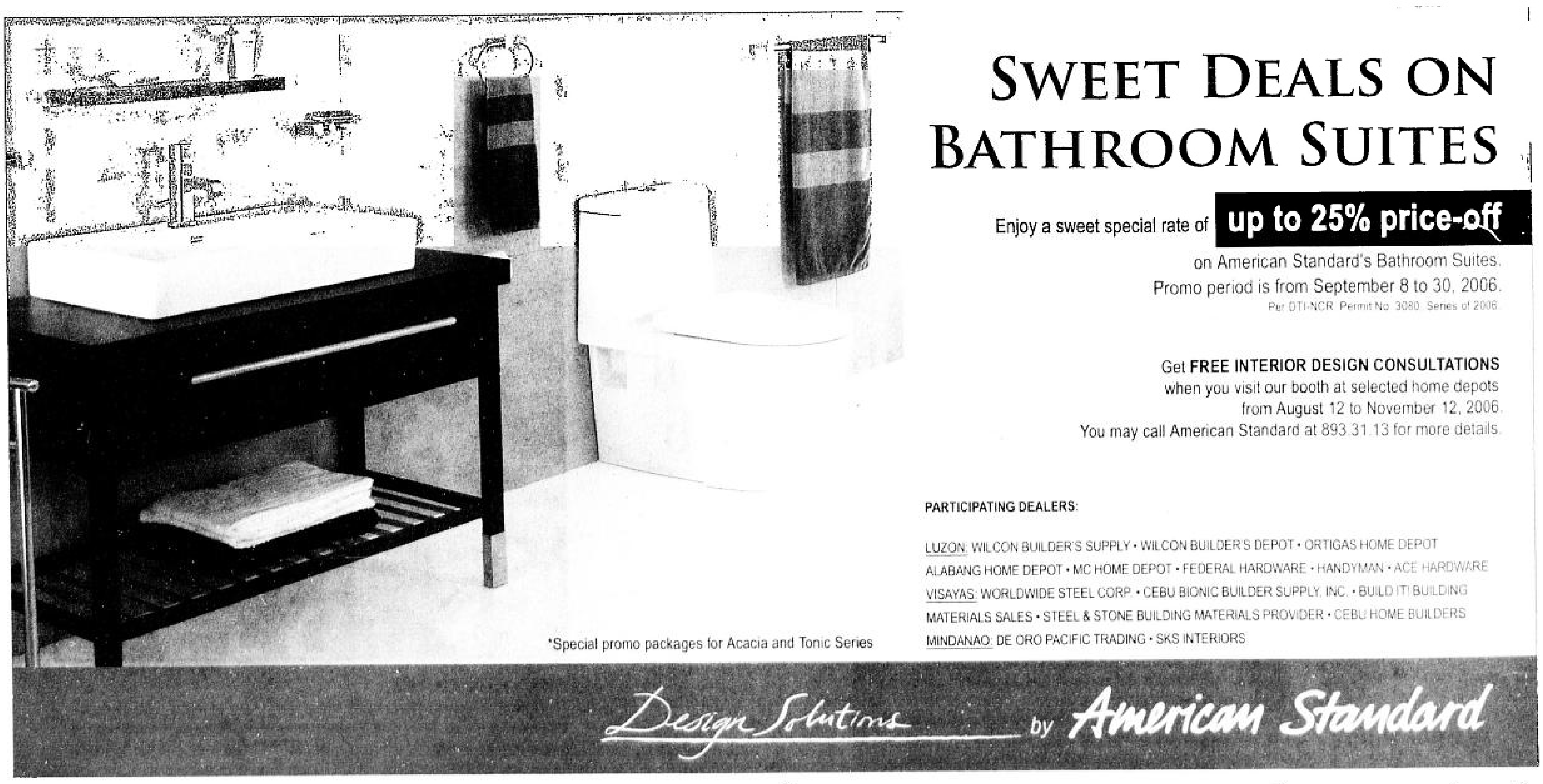
The Asia-Europe Foundation, Asem's only institution, has developed networking as well as cultural and educational exchanges, and has provided an interface between Asem governments and civil society in the two regions.

The ASEM6 summit in Helsinki will review the first 10 years of the Asia-Europe dialogue and aim to set the direction for the second decade and beyond.

Concrete outcomes will include the adoption of a declaration on Asem's future and a declaration on climate change.

(This is an excerpt of a report written by Finnish Prime Minister Matti Vanhanen, European Commission President José Manuel Barroso, Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono and Korean President Roh Moo-hyun, the leaders of the four Asem coordinators.)

UNSUNG HEROES
INQUIRER president Sandy Prieto-Romualdez addresses "A Tribute to Teachers," a testimonial to the country's tutors, on Saturday at the Araneta Coliseum. Romualdez, a former college teacher herself, recalled how three teachers inspired her in her studies and, eventually, in her career. RYAN LIM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DOH confirms death of Guimaras boy

By Nestor P. Burgos Jr.
Inquirer Visayas

ILOILO CITY—THE DEPARTMENT OF Health confirmed yesterday that the death of a two-year-old boy in Guimaras almost two weeks ago was triggered by toxic fumes from the oil that leaked out of the sunken Solar I tanker.

DOH regional director Lydia Depra-Ramos said fumes from the bunker fuel that washed onto the shores of Guimaras last month aggravated the asthmatic condition of the boy, identified as Alejandro Castillo of Naoway Island in Sibunag town. Castillo died on Aug. 28.

Children are more sensitive to the effects of fumes than adults, Depra-Ramos said.

Meanwhile, as of Sept. 8, 1,070 persons had been listed as suffering from oil spill-related ailments.

According to a report by the Regional Disaster Coordinating Council, almost all of the cases (999) were reported in the towns of Nueva Valencia, Sibunag, San Lorenzo and Buenavista in Guimaras, while 71 were in the towns of Concepcion and Ajuy in Iloilo.

The symptoms associated with the oil spill-related diseases include coughing, gastric pain, flu, allergic cough, gastritis, throat irritation, dizziness, headache, asthma, vomiting, skin allergy and other infections.

Pungent, toxic fumes have engulfed many coastal towns in Guimaras since Aug. 11 when the MT Solar I sank 13.3 miles southwest of the island's coast.

The tanker, chartered by Petron Corp., was carrying over 2 million liters of oil when it sank and has so far spilled over a quarter of a million liters of its contents into the sea off Guimaras.

Officials have evacuated 139 families or 607 persons and quarantined a 100-meter radius in coastal areas severely hit by the oil slick.

The DOH will release its findings and recommendations on the other barangays affected by the spill late next week, said Depra-Ramos.

"We cannot declare the areas safe until the oil spill is completely stopped and oil-contaminated debris is removed," she told the INQUIRER in a telephone interview.

Relief and rehabilitation assistance has poured into the disaster area.

Petron public affairs manager Virginia Ruiviva told the weekly Kapihan sa Sulo news forum in Quezon City that the company has spent P7.4 million in relief assistance and its cash-for-work program that employs affected Guimaras residents in the cleanup operations.

Secretary Esperanza Cabral said the Department of Social Welfare and Development had spent, as of Sept. 8, some P1.4 million for relief assistance. There were also standby resources at its regional office in Iloilo City—P2 million for cash-for-work projects, a P2.5-million stockpile of relief commodities and additional P1.2 million worth of relief goods courtesy of Mirant Philippines Foundation.

The United Nations is providing protective gear for the cleanup and funds for an assessment program on the spillage. The UN is giving the country access to a $16 million or P800 million support fund.

Coral Cay, a British environment conservation group, has also offered to help the Philippines clean up the oil spill.

Environmentalists, however, were worried that those tasked with cleaning up the spill were not working fast enough.

World Wide Fund for Nature-Philippines president Lorenzo Tan yesterday told the INQUIRER their satellite photos showed that every day, fresh oil was leaking out at the site where the tanker sank.

The leak from the sunken tanker must be plugged before the wind and currents change or there could be a bigger marine disaster as far as the Sulu Sea, Tan said. *With reports from Norman Bordadora in Manila and Carla Gomez in Bacolod*

Dolphin, turtles die in Negros Occ.

BACOLOD CITY—A DOLPHIN AND two turtles had died on the shores of Negros Occidental over the last two weeks.

While residents here had expressed concern the deaths were related to the Guimaras oil spill, a marine expert said there was no basis for this conclusion.

On Friday, a dolphin was found dead in Hinigaran. Earlier, four turtles were found in EB Magalona. Two of the turtles were dead.

Stephan Groenewold, a doctor of marine ecology and fishery science with the German Development Service, yesterday called on municipal agriculturists to take intestinal samples of the dead animals and take photos of their mouths and other body parts to determine the cause of death.

"It cannot be conclusively said that all of them died because of the MT Solar I oil spill, as it is not unusual for such creatures to be washed ashore," said Groenewold, a volunteer consultant for the Southern Negros Coastal Development Program. *Carla P. Gomez, Inquirer Visayas*

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13% of voting-age Pinoys not registered, survey says

WITH THE 2007 ELECTIONS LESS than nine months away, 13 percent, or some 6.4 million Filipinos of voting age, have not yet registered as voters, according to the latest Social Weather Stations survey.

The SWS survey also showed that 75 percent of these potential voters were not aware that they could register at anytime with the Commission on Elections.

"There remains much work to be done in terms of disseminating information about continuing voter registration," the SWS said in a statement.

The SWS said the lack of awareness of the Comelec's continuing voter registration was highest in Mindanao, where 92 percent of unregistered voters, or around 1.3 million, did not know that "those who are not yet registered voters, or who want to change their polling places, can register at the Comelec office any time, since there is no more fixed day of registration."

In both the Visayas and Luzon (excluding Metro Manila), 71 percent of unregistered voters or (0.7 million and 2.2 million, respectively) were not aware that they could register all year-round. In Metro Manila, 65 percent, or 0.6 million of unregistered voters, were also clueless about this, the SWS said.

The lack of awareness was relatively higher at 82 percent in the rural areas compared to 70 percent in urban areas, the SWS said.

In terms of class, all the projected 0.3 million unregistered voters from classes ABC admitted to not knowing they could register throughout the year. On the other hand, 70 percent of the class D unregistered voters, or 3.2 million, and 83 percent of the class E unregistered voters, or 1.3 million, were not aware of this.

In terms of age, lack of awareness was prevalent among 76 percent, or 2.3 million, of the 18-24-year-old bracket. The same was true for 77 percent, or one million, of the unregistered voters in the 25-34 age bracket.

Even older potential voters were not aware of the continuing registration: 51 percent, or 0.4 million, in the 35-44 age bracket; 90 percent, or 0.5 million, in the 45-54 age group, and 75 percent, or 1 million, in the 55 years and above cluster.

The SWS conducted the survey from June 22 to 28, 2006 using face-to-face interviews of 1,200 adults of voting age from Metro Manila, Luzon, the Visayas and Mindanao. It has a margin of error of plus or minus three percent for national percentages and plus or minus 6 percent for area percentages.

The survey was sponsored by the Project on Fostering Democratic Governance of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the University of the Philippines-National College on Public Administration and Governance (UP-NCPAG). *Mel Lawrence de Guzman, Inquirer Research*

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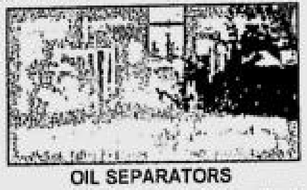

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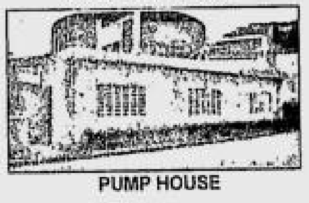

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God comes to save

Say to those who are afraid:
"Have courage, do not fear.
See, your God comes, demanding justice.
He is the God who rewards,
the God who comes to save you."
Then will the eyes of the blind be opened
and the ears of the deaf unsealed.
Then will the lame leap as a hart
and the tongue of the dumb sing and shout.
For water will break out in the wilderness
and streams gush forth from the desert.
The thirsty ground will become a pool,
the arid land springs of water.
In the haunts where once reptiles lay,
grass will grow with reeds and rushes.

2nd Reading: James 2:1-5

No discrimination

My brothers and sisters, if you truly believe in our glorified Lord, Jesus Christ, you will not discriminate between persons. Suppose a person enters the synagogue where you are assembled, dressed magnificently and wearing a gold ring; at the same time, a poor person enters dressed in rags. If you focus your attention on the well-dressed and say, "Come and sit in the best seat," while to the poor one you say, "Stay standing or else sit down at my feet," have you not, in fact, made a distinction between the two? Have you not judged, using a double standard?

Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters, did God not choose the poor of this world to receive the riches of faith and to inherit the kingdom which he has promised to those who love him?

Gospel: Mark 7:31-37

Be opened

Again Jesus set out; from the country of Tyre he passed through Sidon and skirting the sea of Galilee he came to the territory of Decapolis. There a deaf man who also had difficulty in speaking was brought to him. They asked Jesus to lay his hand upon him.

Jesus took him apart from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then, looking up to heaven, he groaned and said to him, "Ephphetha," that is, "Be opened."

And his ears were opened, his tongue was loosened, and he began to speak clearly. Jesus ordered them not to tell anyone, but the more he insisted on this, the more they proclaimed it. The people were completely astonished and said, "He has done all things well; he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak."

Commentary

Have courage, do not fear, see, your God comes, demanding justice! Do we see and hear the demands and saving power of our God? Do we see that God chooses the poor and the powerless in this world to reveal and inherit the kingdom and faith? We have been taken from the crowd like the deaf man and our ears have been opened, and we have been commanded to be still, to shut up until we know the God who has come to us and given us sight and hearing. We are to listen to the Word of God and let it take root under our tongues. But once it is done and we are baptized, are we more than just a story to tell, a report spread around? Are we the Word of God demanding and bringing justice to all?

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Poll bets must meet stringent criteria, says citizens' group

By Leila B. Salaverria

CANDIDATES FOR GOVERNMENT POSITIONS in the 2007 elections would have to meet stringent criteria to pass muster for the Church-based citizens' movement Parish Pastoral Council for Responsible Voting.

The PPCRV launched its voters' education campaign yesterday with a training session for its 250 volunteers who will fan out to various communities and lead discussions on the national situation, the Social Doctrine of the Church and the qualifications of a good candidate for government service.

Dubbed the Pinoy Voters' Academy, the voters' education session included the Jesuit group Simbahang Lingkod ng Bayan and was held at the Ateneo de Manila University.

PPCRV national chair Henrietta de Villa said they hope to spread the values of responsible voting so people will not sell their votes. She said their group would not campaign for or against any specific candidate but would stress their criteria for choosing good candidates.

The following are among the PPCRV's criteria for choosing good candidates:

- Must show a commitment to his chosen religion and respect other religions;
- Must be pro-democracy and pro-people;
- Must be competent and must have a good track record as a leader;
- Must have no record in graft and corruption and possess a good track record as a leader,
- Must have a life, career and lifestyle that is a testament to his or her convictions;
- Must be qualified for the position he or she is running for in terms of academic achievement and work experience;
- Must have strong moral character and eschew vices like gambling, excessive drinking, extravagant spending and "riotous living," and must not be materialistic or sexually promiscuous;
- Must uphold and defend the Constitution and democratic institutions at all cost and inspire others to love their country;
- Must respect and love the poor and underprivileged, and must show integrity and transparency.

Dengue watch in all public schools

EDUCATION SECRETARY Jesli Lapus yesterday ordered all school officials and teachers to take appropriate measures to keep schoolchildren safe from dengue.

There are nearly 12 million schoolchildren in 37,000 elementary public schools around the country.

Lapus gave the order after a recent upsurge in dengue cases in Morong, Rizal.

He said school officials should strengthen information dissemination on the prevention and control of dengue.

"The department has already established measures for the awareness, prevention and control of dengue in schools," Lapus said, referring to DepEd Memorandum No. 227. "Our priority is to ensure that our students are safe from diseases in our schools and that they are well-informed on how to prevent such diseases." *Alcuin Papa*

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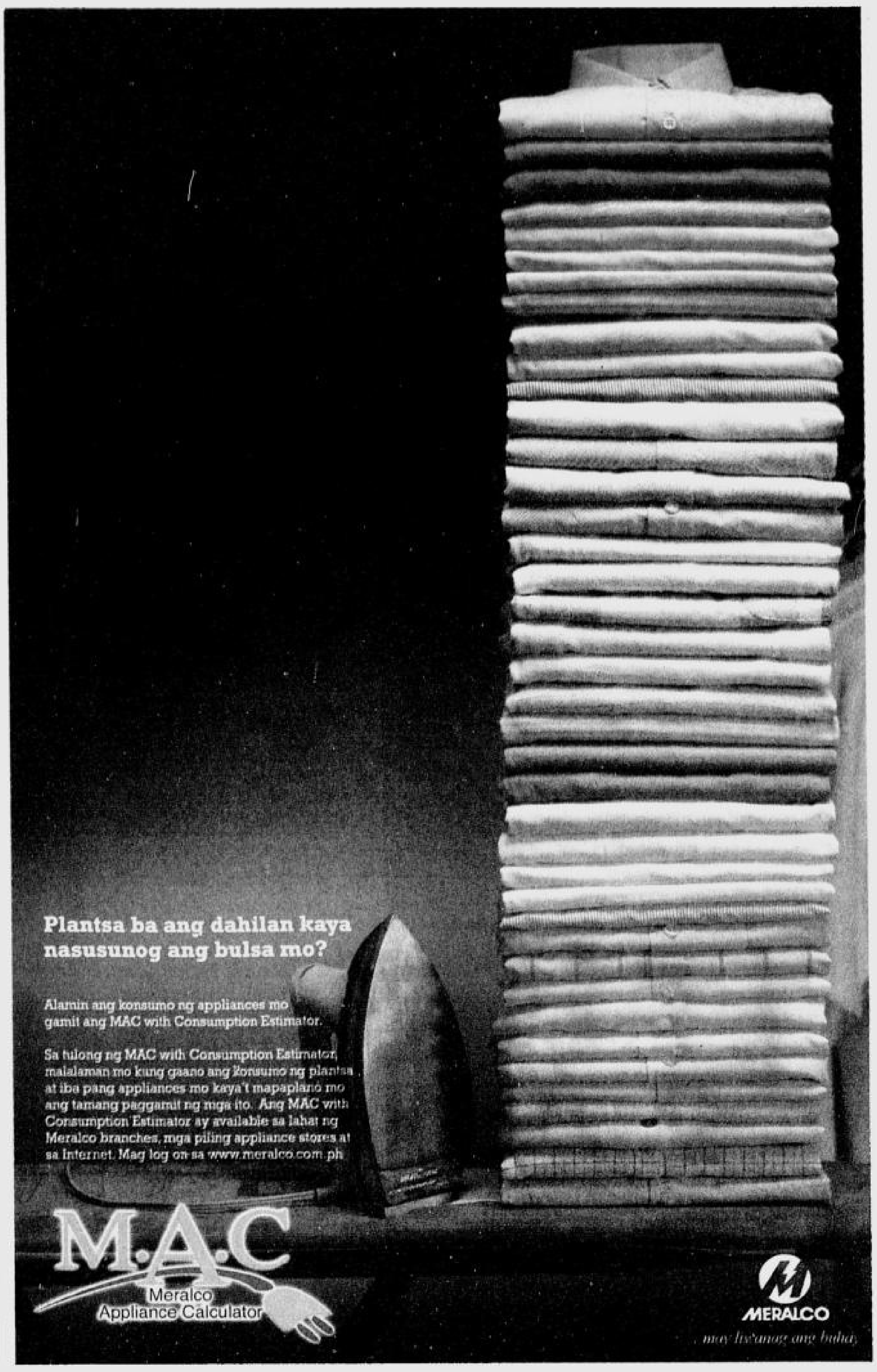

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Palparan: Nothing final on post-retirement job

GMA IN FINLAND
President Macapagal-Arroyo is escorted down the airplane ramp on her arrival yesterday in Helsinki, Finland, by Minister in Attendance Anti Kalliomaki (left), who is also the Finnish education minister. The President is in Helsinki to attend the 6th Asia-Europe Meeting. Behind her is First Gentleman Jose Miguel Arroyo. (Story on Page A2)
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had to be "validated" or "confirmed with a written appointment by the President."

Ms Arroyo is expected to announce Palparan's new job when she returns from her nine-day trip abroad, Ermita said.

Palparan himself said over Vice President Noli de Castro's radio program, "Para Sa Iyo, Bayan," that there was still no word from the President regarding his new appointment.

Earlier, he had said he would accept any offer from Malacañang but would prefer a job connected with the administration's all-out war against the communist insurgency.

But news of Defensor's announcement drew loud protests from activists and militant lawmakers who said the "reign of terror" would surely continue.

They were referring to the rash of political killings, to which Palparan has been linked.

Plans for Palparan

"Definitely, we will use the talents of a general like ... Palparan," Ermita said, when asked what the Palace was planning for the latter.

He pointed out how Malacañang was now utilizing the expertise and talents of former high police officials like Hermogenes Ebdane and Arturo Lomibao, who had been named public works secretary and head of the National Irrigation Administration, respectively.

Ermita disclosed that he thought Lomibao was the one who would be named deputy director of the NSC. Nevertheless, he said, there were many other government positions that Palparan could be appointed to.

Malacañang regards Palparan highly and Ms Arroyo heaped praise on him in her State of the Nation Address in July.

As though to prove his favored position, the general dubbed "the butcher" by militant groups will break military tradition by turning over command of the 7th ID in a ceremony to be held at Fort Bonifacio instead of the unit's headquarters at Fort Magsaysay in Nueva Ecija.

'For his wife'

Army spokesperson Maj. Ernesto Torres yesterday confirmed details of the turnover, saying Palparan wanted his wife to pin his last military medal on him on the day of his retirement.

Palparan is to receive the Distinguished Service Star, which is given to unit commanders who had "done well," as well as a command plaque.

According to Torres, the general made the request "for his wife," Dr. Evangelina Palparan, who is said to be recuperating from a recent operation.

"It might be taxing for her to make the trip to Nueva Ecija," Torres said. But he quickly added that the change of venue had nothing to do with reported threats to Palparan's life.

Recently, the communist New People's Army said Palparan had been judged and found guilty of revolutionary crimes, and declared him a "dead man walking."

Torres said Palparan would turn over command of his unit to Maj. Gen. Juanito Gomez, whom Defense Secretary Avelino Cruz had ordered to "replicate what [Gomez] did in Bohol" when he was commander of the 302th Brigade.

Army chief Lt. Gen. Romeo Tolentino is expected to witness the turnover ceremony tomorrow.

A testimonial parade for Palparan is set today at Fort Magsaysay.

Propaganda war

On radio, Palparan blamed the Communist Party of the Philippines and its armed wing, the NPA, for his "butcher" tag, saying it was part of their propaganda war meant to put the Armed Forces in a bad light.

He said the communist movement and its front organizations were scoring propaganda points simply because some members of the media were sympathetic to them.

He also said the communists had a "support system" that automatically blamed the AFP for every casualty despite lack of evidence and witnesses.

Palparan said the media, particularly in the provinces, had been infiltrated by NPA sympathizers.

He said that unlike their counterparts in Metro Manila, journalists in the rural areas tended to be biased in their reporting against the military because they were "more vulnerable" to NPA attacks.

Palparan said there was also no truth to the report that he was behind the killing of more than 700 communists and their sympathizers since 2001.

He said he had always cooperated with the police in investigating his men whenever they were linked to the killing or disappearance of suspected communist rebels and sympathizers.

"None of the allegations against my soldiers has been proven," he said. "The communists are doing this only because the biggest damage for them is the loss of the people's support."

Asked about the NPA verdict on him, Palparan said he was prepared to take the consequences of his acts as a soldier.

He said he was proud that his campaign against the communist insurgency had the support of civilians.

'State policy'

But the brickbats continued to fly.

In a statement e-mailed to the INQUIRER, Fidel Agcaoili, chair of the human rights committee of the CPP's political wing, the National Democratic Front, said the planned appointment of Palparan to the NSC signified "the escalation of nationwide human rights violations."

"[It] is clear proof that the extrajudicial killings and abduction of legal activists are state policy under the Arroyo regime. Thus, these are committed with impunity," said the Netherlands-based Agcaoili.

In his own statement, Bayan Muna Rep. Satur Ocampo said putting Palparan in the NSC would "enhance a policy of terrorism and brutality against the Left."

"The nation and the international community look with disfavor on President Arroyo's unending and callous adoration of Palparan," Ocampo said, adding:

"Her [planned] appointment of Palparan is arguably a promotion, an endorsement of his fascist mindset and ways similar to those of National Security Adviser Norberto Gonzales. ... It is also an attempt to shield him from his many accountabilities and blood debts to the people." *With reports from Cynthia D. Balana and Juliet Labog-Javellana*

Naia 3 takeover all set

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ternational Airport Authority could go ahead and complete the remaining work to be done on the facility, arrange for the airlines' and concessionaires' lease contracts and prepare for the terminal's opening.

"We are hoping to have the systems operational before the end of the year. We need to have test runs of all the system's and hopefully by early next year the airport will be fully opened," Ermita said.

He said the President was elated over the news of the lifting of the CA injunction. He quoted Ms Arroyo as saying, "Congratulations, let's push for the opening."

Ermita said the CA ruling was "timely," as the President was going to the Asem summit where she would be meeting with EU leaders.

"At least the President has this information and good news when she talks to her counterparts, especially those from Germany," he said.

Compensation demand

The German-based Fraport, which has a 30-percent stake in Piatco, is demanding $465 million in compensation for Naia 3 and is pursuing its case against the government in a World Bank arbitration court.

Ermita said the government would send a copy of the writ of possession to the Singapore-based International Chamber of Commerce Arbitration Tribunal, which last month ordered the government to return possession of the terminal to Piatco for failing to pay just compensation.

Piatco filed an arbitration case with the ICC after the government expropriated the facility in 2004.

The consortium built the terminal under a "build-operate-transfer" contract but in 2002 the President revoked the contract for being tainted with graft.

In December 2004, the government filed a case for expropriation in a Pasay City court so it could take over Naia 3. The court ordered it to pay Piatco $62.3 million (about P3 billion) as partial payment for the facility.

Call from Sol Gen

In 2005, the Supreme Court gave the go-signal for the government to operate the terminal, but it also upheld the Pasay court's ruling that the government pay Piatco the P3 billion.

This was opposed by Ilocos Sur Rep. Salacnib Baterina who immediately filed a motion to intervene in the expropriation case. It was Baterina's petition to the CA that became the basis for the temporary restraining order stopping the release of the payment to Piatco last Aug. 29.

Ermita said that he received a call from Solicitor General Antonio Eduardo Nachura yesterday informing him that the CA had decided to lift its TRO in favor of the government.

Justice Secretary Raul Gonzalez, who was in Iloilo City, confirmed the CA decision but said he had yet to receive a copy.

"I was advised ... that the reason used was that the CA took judicial notice or cognizance of the Supreme Court order that upheld the ruling of a Pasay City regional trial court that Piatco is entitled to payment," Gonzalez said in a phone interview.

He said he saw no other legal obstacle to the expropriation of Naia 3, though "some people might raise the question that we should pay the full amount before the takeover."

"We will release the payment of [P3 billion] up front ... take possession and operate [the terminal]," the justice secretary said.

Airport contractor

Ermita said the government would pay Piatco on Monday as the check was ready. But he said "Piatco should be able to live up to their commitment that they will allocate the money to Fraport, Takanaka and the others concerned."

Tanaka is the Japanese-based contractor of Naia 3 which has been pursuing its claim for payment from Piatco.

Ermita said he had instructed Miaa general manager Alfonso Cusi "to hasten the completion of the airport so that [its] opening would proceed."

Cusi said his office had been advised on Friday of the lifting of the CA injunction but had yet to see a copy.

"We have to comply with the court order. We will release the money and get the writ of possession at the same time, so we can exercise the acts necessary to complete and open the terminal," he said.

"We've been hoping to operate the terminal but unfortunately there were legal problems that needed to be resolved," he said. *With reports from Volt Contreras and Nestor P. Burgos Jr., Inquirer Visayas*

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In celebration of 5th National Epilepsy Awareness Week, the Philippine League Against Epilepsy (PLAE) in cooperation with Abbott Laboratories recently held the Epilepsy Exemplar Awards at Heritage Hotel in Pasay City. This event is carried out once every two years, and it gives recognition to people who live their life to the fullest despite having epilepsy.

Exemplar award this year was awarded to Charles Kester Lapitan, Natiacia Rimorin, Jeanne Desiree Khonghun, Sonny Liz Valencia and Eric Casareo, who was given the posthumous award. The winners received cash prizes, trophies and the opportunity to be PLAE Ambassadors of Epilepsy.

The awards night was headed by PLAE president Dr. Elma Marañon and Abbott International product manager, Ms. Annie Tapia. Senator Mar Roxas was the guest speaker. He highlights the need for quality and affordable medicines for Filipinos.

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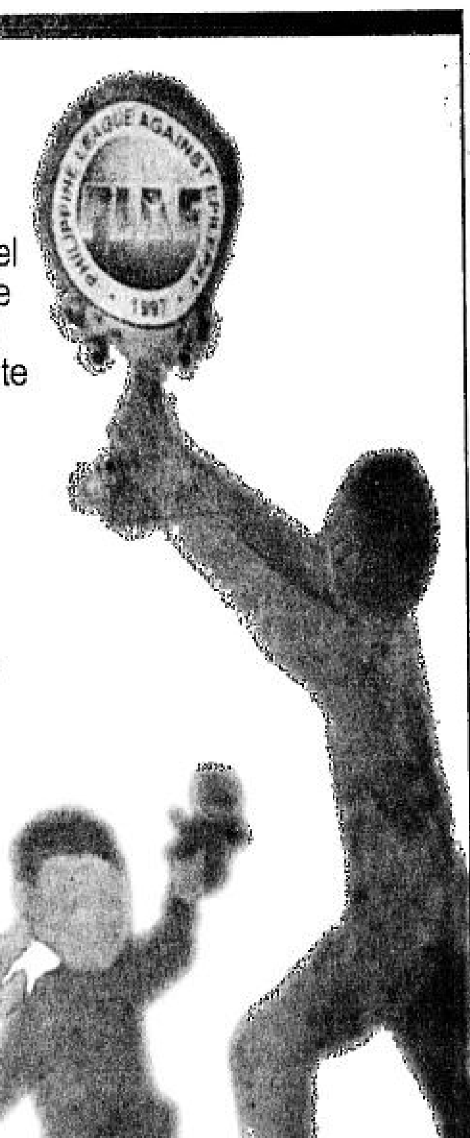

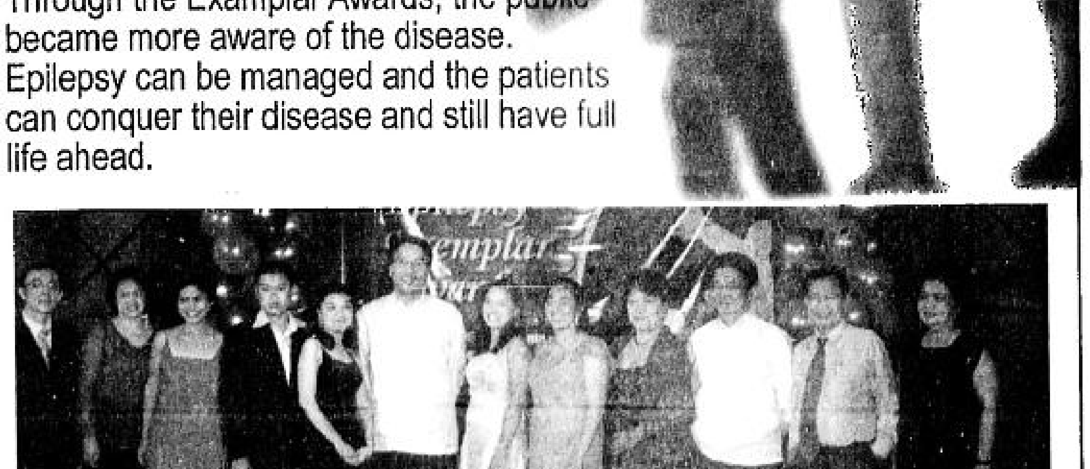

Photo shows some of the guests, awardees and officers of PLAE (l-r): Mr. Baldwin Kho, Ms. Annie Tapia, Dr. Hazel Paragua, Mr. Charles Kester Lapitan, Mr. Sonny Liz Valencia, Sen. Mar Roxas, Ms. Natasha Rimorin, Ms. Jeanne Desiree Khonghun, Dr. Elma Marañon, Mr. Ernesto Casareo, PLAE founder Dr. Martesio Perez, and PLAE past president Dr. Leonor Cabral-Lim.

Abu slain, Indon hurt, says antiterror expert

ZAMBOANGA CITY—AN ABU SAYYAF LEADER was killed while an Indonesian member of the Jemaah Islamiyah terror group was wounded in the intensified offensive that the military launched in August, according to an antiterror consultant to Executive Secretary Eduardo Ermita.

Citing information he received from people in close contact with the Abu Sayyaf, Abdurahman Narimin said Abu Sayyaf leader Radulah Sahiron and Dulmatin, the Indonesian, were wounded in an encounter with government troops on Aug. 11.

Narimin said he was told that Sahiron did not survive his wounds and died on Sept. 6.

Military officials had earlier claimed that it was Khadaffy Janjalani, the top Abu Sayyaf leader, and Dulmatin who had been wounded in the clashes.

Narimin said he was verifying reports that Omar Patek, another suspected Jemaah Islamiyah member hiding out in Sulu, had been killed in another encounter.

"The contact told me he managed to retrieve the wallet of Patek before they scattered and scampered for safety," he said. *Julie S. Alipala and Edwin O. Fernandez, Inquirer Mindanao*

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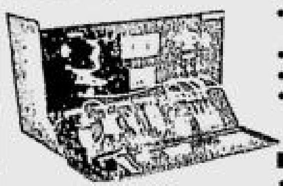

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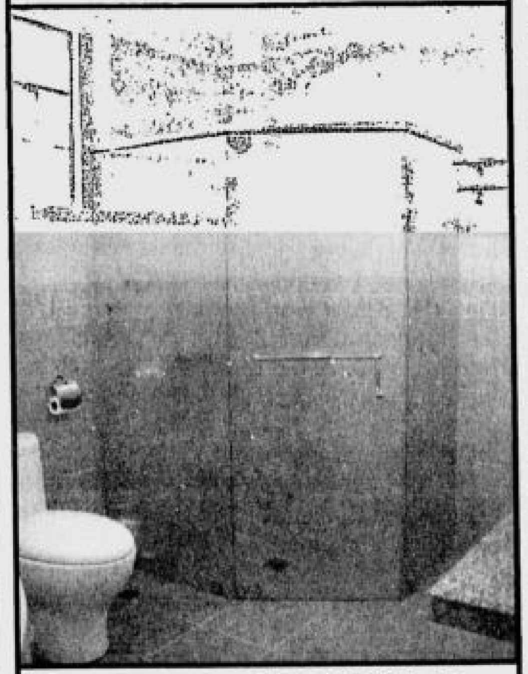

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INVITATION TO APPLY TO BID

The Baguio Water District, through its Bids and Awards Committee (BAC), invites accredited bidders to apply to bid for the procurement of 10,000 pieces 1/2" Ø water meters to be used for the expansion project of the Baguio Water District.

The Approved Budget Cost is two thousand pesos (Php2,000.00) per piece.

Prospective bidders must already be accredited with the Baguio Water District.

All particulars relative to Bid Security, Performance Security, Pre-Bidding Conference(s), Evaluation of Bids, Post-Qualification and Award of Contract shall be governed by the pertinent provisions of R.A. 9184 and its Implementing Rules and Regulation (IRR).

The schedule of activities is listed, as follows:

Activities	Schedule
1. Issuance of Bid Documents to accredited suppliers	September 11-13, 2006
2. Pre-Bid Conference	13 September 2006
3. Submission of bids	25 September 2006

Bid Documents will be available to accredited bidders upon payment of a non-refundable amount of two thousand pesos (P2,000.00) to the BWD Cashier.

The Baguio Water District assumes no responsibility whatsoever to compensate or indemnify bidders for any expenses incurred in the preparation of the bid.

(Sgd.) **Atty. MA. LUISA C. TENEDERO**
BAC Chairman

(PDI – Sept. 3 & 10, 2006)

Republic of the Philippines
Municipality of San Enrique
Province of Negros Occidental

Invitation for Bids (IFB)

Date: September 10, 2006
Contract ID NO.: SP-089-IN-01
World Bank Loan No. 4446PH

1. The Government of the Philippines has received a loan from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development towards the cost of Local Government Finance and Development and intends to apply part of the funds to cover eligible payments under the Contract for the ***Construction of School Building and Birthing Clinic*** Bidding is open to all bidders from eligible source countries as defined in the *Guidelines: Procurement under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits.*
2. The ***Municipality of San Enrique, Negros Occidental*** invites sealed bids from eligible sources for the ***Construction of:***
   a. Maternity Clinic with floor area of P240.2 Sq m.
   b. One unit - Two Storey Eight Classroom School Building with floor area of 257.42 sq.m.
3. Bidding documents may be purchased starting ***September 11, 2006 during office hours at the Municipal Engineers Office, San Enrique, Negros, Occidental*** upon payment of a nonrefundable fee of ***Five Thousand Pesos (Php 5,000.00)*** or its equivalent in a freely-convertible currency, for each set Interested bidders may obtain further information at the same address.
4. Bids shall be valid for a period ***of ninety (90) days*** after bid opening and must be accompanied by bid security of ***Two Hundred Seventy Eight Thousand Pesos (Php 278,000.00)*** in a form of cash, certified check, bank guarantee or its equivalent in a convertible currency and shall be delivered to the ***BAC Chairman, Office of the Municipal Engineer, San Enrique, Negros Occidental on or before October 10, 2006 at 10:00 AM.*** at which time they will be opened in the presence of the bidders who wish to attend.
5. The Bidder with the Lowest Calculated Bid (LCB) shall advance to the post-qualification stage in order to finally determine its responsiveness to the technical and financial requirements of the project. The contract shall then be awarded to the Lowest Calculated Responsive Bidder (LCRB) determined as such during post qualification. The ***Estimated Project Cost*** for the subproject is ***Eleven Million One Hundred Thirty Two Thousand Two Hundred Ten Pesos and 51/100 (Php 11,132 210.51).***
6. A pre-bid conference will be held on ***September 19, 2006,*** at the ***SB Session Hall, San Enrique, Negros Occidental at exactly 10:00 AM.***

(Sgd.) ENGR. ARLU A. JUCAL
BAC Chairman

(PDI – Sept. 10, 2006)

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August 28, 2006

INVITATION TO PREQUALIFY AND BID

The **Social Housing Finance Corporation (SHFC)** located on the 4th Floor, Filomena Bldg., 104 Amorsolo St., Legaspi Village, Makati City is inviting interested parties to prequalify and participate in the forthcoming public bidding for SHFC - Data Entry Project to update the individual ledgers of the accounts taken-out under the Community Mortgage Program covering the period 1994 to April, 2006.

The project has an estimated volume of **5.8 Million payment transactions.**

Prequalification documents may be obtained from the **Management Services Office (MSO)** during the office hours from **September 4 to September 12, 2006.** Submission of prequalification documents is from **September 13 to September 15, 2006**. Prospective bidders shall be advised in due course of the results of their application for the prequalification.

Only bidders who are pre-qualified can get copies of the Terms of Reference (TOR) upon payment of the non-refundable amount of Seven Thousand Pesos (P 7,000.00) and can participate in the bidding. The pre-bid conference, submission and opening of bids shall be announced later.

The SHFC reserves the right to reject any or all bids, disqualify any bidder or to accept bids as may be considered most advantageous to the Corporation or annul the bidding process anytime prior to the award of the bid without incurring any liability to the affected bidders or stating the grounds for SHFC action.

For further information/clarification, please contact **Ms. Lourdes Bacani** or **Mr. Raymundo Reyes** at tel. No. **893--15-01** local **297/365.**

(Sgd.) ATTY. FERMIN T. ARZAGA
President

(PDI–Sept. 10, 2006)

KALAHI-CIDSS: KKB PROJECT
Office of the Barangay Sub-Project Management Committee
Barangay: Buenavista
Municipality: Buenavista
Province: Quezon

INVITATION TO BID

Date: September 7, 2006

The community of Buenavista has received assistance from the DSWD KALAHI-CIDSS: KKB Project. Funds come from the Loan from the World Bank/International Development Association (IDA) and from the Philippine Government.

Interested bidders are requrested to submit their offered price for the contract indicated below:

Construction and completion of the works listed below.
Name of Subproject: Rehabilitation of 3.7 km Farm to Market Road

Items No.	Items of Work/Description of Work	Qty	Unit	Unit Cost	Total
100	Clearing and Grubbing	25,900	sqm		
102	Excavation	27,797	cum		
104	Embankment	5,114.46	cum		
105	Sub-Grade Preparation	25,900	sqm		
200	Aggregate Sub-Base Course	2,664	cum		
201	Aggregate Base Course	2,442	cum		
	TOTAL				P
	Amount in Words				

We will only accept an offered price that is fixed and is not subject to any adjustment. Bid shall be valid for a period of sixty (60) days from the date of submission.

Bidding documents may be obtained from the BSPCM Brgy. Buenavista, Buenavista Quezon or at the Cashier in the DSWD Regional Office, Region IV-A at Zapote Road, Alabang, Muntinlupa City after payment of a non-refundable fee in the amount of Php 3,000.00.

A pre-bid conference will be held at the ABC Hall, Poblacion, Buenavista, Quezon on September 15, 2006 at 10:00 am.

All bids must be accompanied by a bid security in any of the following forms:

Cash	1.0% of total bid price
Bank Guarantee	1.5% of total bid price
Surety Bond	2.5% of total bid price

All bids must be received on September 25, 2006 at 3:00 pm and will be opened in public in the presence of bidders' representatives who choose to attend at the following address:

Kalahi-CIDSS: KKB Project
Barangay Sub-Project Management Committee
Haven for Women
Zapote Road, Alabang, Muntinlupa City

The community reserves the right to reject any bid or waive any defect or formality. The lowest calculated and responsive bid shall be used as the criterion in the selection of the contractor. The community will not reimburse any expenses related to the preparation of bids.

(Sgd.) ROLANDO E. RODRIGUEZ
Chairperson, Barangay Sub-Project Management Committee

(PDI – Sept 10 & 17, 2006)

WESTERN VISAYAS MEDICAL CENTER
Mandurriao, Iloilo City
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E-mail Address: wvmc@pldtdsl.net

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

The Department of Health (DOH) - Western Visayas Medical Center through its Bids and Awards Committee (BAC) invites suppliers/manufacturers.distributors/contractors to apply for eligibility and to bid for the hereunder project:

Name of the Project:	Supply and delivery of Various Pharmaceuticals
Location:	Western Visayas Medical Center
Brief Description:	The Bidder shall provide the supply and delivery of Various Pharmaceuticals
Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC):	Php 5,722,071.10
Contract Duration	6 months
Delivery Period:	Within fifteen days after receipt of each Purchase Order

Prospective bidders should have experience in undertaking a similar project within the last two years with an amount of at least 50% of the proposed project for bidding. The Eligibility Check/Screening as well as the preliminary Examination of Bids shall be non-discretionary "pass fail" criteria. Post qualification of the lowest calculated bid shall be conducted.

All particulars relative to Eligibility Statement and Screening. Bid Security, Performance Security Pre-bidding Conference, Evaluation of Bids, Post Qualification and Awards of Contract shall be governed by the pertinent provisions of R.A. 9184 and its Implementing Rules and Regulation (IRR).

The complete schedule of activities is listed, as follows:

Activities	Schedule
1. Issuance of Bid Documents	September 08 - 21, 2006
2. Pre-bid Conference	September 22, 2006
Time and Place of Pre-bid Conference	9:00 a.m., Executive Conference Room, WVMC, Iloilo City
3. Submission of Letters of Intent and Application for Eligibility (if single-stage bidding is used, delete this activity)	N/A
4. Opening of Bids	October 04, 2006
Time and Place of the Opening of Bids	9:00 a.m. Executive Conference Room, WVMC Iloilo City
5. Bid Evaluation	October 19, 2006
6. Post-qualification	October 26, 2006
7. Notice of Award	November 10, 2006

Bid Documents will be available only to prospective bidders upon payment of a non-refundable amount of Php 3,000.00 to the DOH-Western Visayas Medical Center cashier

The DOH-Western Visayas Medical Center assumes no responsibility, whatsoever, to compensate or indemnify bidders for any expenses incurred in the preparation of the bid

Date of Publication: August 30, 2006 and September 10, 2006
Newspaper:

Approved:
(Sgd.) FREIDA G. SORONGON, RN, MAN
BAC-CHAIRMAN

(PDI—Aug. 30 & Sept. 10, 2006)

Born, raised in RP …

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Cabiao Island, North Sulawesi, Indonesia, in 1945, enticed by stories of hospitality from their relatives and friends who had gone ahead. The journey by boat took only a few hours.

Per Rosita's account, while Sarangani Island (a two-and-a-half-hour speedboat ride from the port of Glan, Sarangani province) is classified as a fifth-class municipality where most of the residents are considered "poor," life is even much harder in North Sulawesi, also a farming and fishing community.

PAPARANG-BALONTIA

No friction

Rosita recalled playing as a child with a merry mix of B'laan—migrant Visayans and Muslims, the dominant people on Balut—while keeping in close contact with other Philippine-born Indonesians on the island.

"There was never any friction between us. The only wars we have are those between husband and wife, not between neighbors," she said.

The families, businesses, friends and even politics of the two peoples are so closely linked that a casual observer cannot tell them apart.

It helps that Indonesians look no different from Filipinos, with their medium build, dark skin, black eyes and hair.

And most of the Indonesians here are Christian like the residents of North Sulawesi, who are a minority in predominantly Muslim Indonesia.

"I can even speak the local languages better than Indonesian," Rosita said. "I am really more of a Filipino."

Melding of cultures

It is a feeling shared by some 1,200 residents like herself who were born to Indonesian parents and yet consider Sarangani their one true home.

They are living testaments to the perfect melding of two cultures that first made contact in the mid-1500s when Datu Panurat set sail in a *balangay* (boat) from Sangir Island, North Sulawesi, and reached the blue waters of Tinina after a week of braving the sea.

Legend has it that the datu and his family and friends on board the *balangay* made their way up the coastline and disembarked at the Batuganding point of Balut, where they set up their *kampong* (cluster of huts).

They were welcomed by the B'laan who lived on Balut and nearby Sarangani Island, and they engaged in barter trade. They shared the islands' vast marine resources and planted root crops.

Datu Panurat and his kin explored their new territory, pronounced it to their liking, and settled for good. They found the islands a welcome haven after escaping religious persecution from the predominantly Hindu Majapahit Empire based in Java.

Over the next 500 years, more Indonesians came to Sarangani. Other families made their way to nearby municipalities such as Glan, Jose Abad Santos (also in Davao del Sur), and as far north as what is now Davao City.

Indonesian names

The Indonesians have certainly made their mark.

Of the municipality's 12 barangays, three were first settled by Indonesians and two were developed jointly by the Indonesians and the B'laan.

Two barangays even carry their Indonesian names: Mabila (from "mawbira," which means "white sand") and Tinina (from the Indonesian word that means "to think" or "thinking").

The B'laan and the migrants have also learned Indonesian words, music and dance because of the Philippine-born Indonesians who account for almost 10 percent of the population of 18,000.

Sarangani Mayor Jerry Cawa, a B'laan married to Indonesian sisters, added that the locals credited the Indonesians with bringing the first coconut trees to the island for the production of copra.

Today, copra production accounts for 80 percent of Sarangani's agricultural produce, with the farmers bringing their copra to trading centers such as General Santos City, which is about four hours away, or Davao City.

Border crossing agreement

Cawa said the Indonesian influence remained strong because the relatives of the local Indonesians continue to make the half-day trip to the island, still traveling on boats not much different from the ones their ancestors used.

The steady stream of visitors prompted then President Diosdado Macapagal to enter into a border-crossing agreement with the Republic of Indonesia in 1965.

A border-crossing station was put up in 1985 at Batuganding, around the same spot where Datu Panurat disembarked to start a new life in the Philippines.

The border-crossing station—15 meters long and 10 meters wide—is the smallest piece of Indonesia in the Philippines, according to Florendo Jacobo of the Indonesian Navy.

"It is quite busy, with about two or three boats coming in every week carrying about 20 people each," said Jacobo, who has been living at the station for close to a year. "They can stay here with a border pass for a maximum of 59 days to visit their relatives."

Jacobo said he was not surprised at the number of Indonesians who continued to make the trip to Sarangani, adding that even he had made friends on the island.

"I am Catholic, so the church here has become my family. My neighbors are my family," he said.

Rosita and her fellow Philippine-born Indonesians cannot agree more.

9/11 FLAG DISPLAY. Stephanie Walker, 2, walks through a sea of American f
attack on the World Trade Center on Sept. 11, 2001, at Queens University, C
niece of Steven Coakley, a New York City firefighter who was killed in the att

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Hef worried charity ball will ruin Playboy image

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HEFNER: Playboy reputation at stake

The Playboy Ball organizers have been told by lawyers acting for Playboy Enterprises the ball breaches Playboy's trademark by using the word "playboy" and by using "bunny themes," The Press newspaper reported Saturday.

The ball is a fund-raiser for Koru Care Christchurch, a charitable trust which offers sick and disabled children a trip to Disneyland in Los Angeles.

The legal letter claimed ball organizer Craig Douglas was trading off Playboy's reputation "and is likely to tarnish that reputation."

Douglas said he was not trying to use the organization's intellectual property in any way, and that a rabbit-head device could not be patented.

"And anyone can call themselves a playboy," he added.

Douglas laughed at the suggestion he could be tarnishing the reputation of an empire known for its magazines featuring naked women.

"This event is going to be lavish and exquisite. It's all about class." He said he wrote to Playboy eight months ago and received their permission.

"Apparently, the person who wrote back to us had no authorization to tell us that was OK, but as far as we're concerned, we're covered." *AFP*

Republic of the Philippines
PROVINCE OF ISABELA

OFFICE OF THE BIDS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

The Provincial Government of Isabela, through its Bids and Awards Committee (BAC) invites duly licensed Security Agencies to apply for eligibility and to bid for the hereunder project;

Name of Project: Supply of Security Services
For deployment to various hospitals and offices in the province of Isabela

Approved Budget Contract: P3,300,000.

All particulars relative to eligibility statement and screening, bid security, performance security, pre-bidding conference, evaluation of bids, post-qualification and award of contract shall be governed by the pertinent provisions of RA 9184 and its Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR).

BIDDING ACTIVITIES:

ACTIVITIES	SCHEDULE
1. Issuance of Bid Documents	Sept. 18-22, 2006 at the BAC Secretariat Office, Capitol, Alibagu, Ilagan, Isabela
2. Pre-bid Conference	September 25, 2006, 10:00 am at the Governor's Office Mini-Conference Hall, Capitol, Alibagu, Ilagan, Isabela
3. Submission & Opening of Bids	October 6, 2006, 10:00 a.m. at the Governor's Office Mini-Conference Hall, Capitol, Alibagu, Ilagan, Isabela

Bid documents will be available only to eligible bidders upon payment of a non-refundable amount of Five Thousand Pesos (P5,000.00) to the Provincial Treasurer's Office.

The Provincial Government of Isabela reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids or parts thereof, to waive defect or any formality therein and to accept bids evaluated to be the most advantageous to the government. Furthermore, the Provincial Government of Isabela is not obliged to compensate/indemnify expenses or losses that may be incurred in the preparation of bids nor does it guarantee that an award or contract will be made.

(Sgd.) MA. THERESA ARANETA-FLORES
BAC Chairperson

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Bush to lead 9/11 rites …

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secure while still facing an al-Qaida threat.

Bush has been trying to frame a debate on national security to political and policy advantage and keep his Republicans from losing control of the US Congress to Democrats in the November election.

White House spokesperson Tony Snow said the Monday speech would not be political and that Bush was not trying to rekindle the warm glow he got from Americans of all political stripes after the attacks, only to lose it along with his high popularity ratings as a result of the Iraq war.

"It's not to try to draw on some atavistic sense of nostalgia about the date. I think what you do is you reflect on what it means to the country," Snow said.

Eager to make big gains in November, Democrats issued a report citing failures by the Bush administration and Republicans to enact recommendations on boosting security from an independent commission that investigated the attacks.

They charged Republicans had rebuffed Democratic efforts to boost spending for cargo screening at airports and for shipping and to provide more security for public transportation. They said the administration had fallen short on securing nuclear power and chemical plants.

Safer today?

"The fact is we are not as safe today as we could and should be," said House Democratic Whip Steny Hoyer of Maryland.

Snow said 35 of 37 recommendations from the 9/11 commission had been enacted and called for bipartisan harmony to expand Bush's warrantless eavesdropping program and create military tribunals—issues on which Democrats and some Republicans have deep differences with the president.

In related news, former Iranian President Mohammed Khatami on Friday condemned the Sept. 11 attacks as an atrocity and said suicide bombers did Islam an injustice and would not go to heaven.

Three days before the fifth anniversary of the attacks, the Shiite cleric urged Muslims to work against "Islamaphobia," which he said had grown since Islamic militants flew hijacked aircraft into the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and a Pennsylvania field.

2 crimes on 9/11

Two crimes were committed on Sept. 11—civilians were killed and it was done in the name of Islam, Khatami told the Council on American-Islamic Relations, a human rights group.

"We Muslims should condemn these atrocities even more strongly," he said.

"Terrorist, which means killing of civilians, is a human being that lacks morality … (and) will not go to heaven" and those who do it in the name of Islam "are lying," he said.

The political unity that Bush experienced in the months after Sept. 11 has long since given way to bitter partisanship over the Iraq war.

Bush has faced questions about whether the war in Iraq is a distraction from the al-Qaida threat. He acknowledges it has been hard to convince Americans that Iraq is a "critical part of the war on terror."

The speech will cap Bush's observances of the fifth anniversary of the single most dramatic event of his presidency. He will travel to New York on Sunday to the site of the destroyed World Trade Center towers.

On Monday, the anniversary day, the United States will pause in silent remembrance to mark the horror of the attacks and pay tribute to their victims.

All eyes on Ground Zero

Families and friends of those killed in the World Trade Center in New York, at the Pentagon and on a flight that crashed in Pennsylvania are to be joined by dignitaries and ordinary Americans around the country to mark the events.

In New York, all eyes will be on Ground Zero, the heart of the commemorations and the enduring symbol of the tragedy.

In what has become an annual ritual, husbands, wives and partners of those who perished will read a roll call of the dead, pausing to mark the moments the planes hit and when the towers collapsed in choking clouds of rubble.

Families are to lay flowers in the footprint of the Twin Towers, where work is at last under way on a new Freedom Tower, the soaring centerpiece of an ambitious plan to rebuild the area.

Only days before the anniversary, architects Norman Foster, Richard Rogers and Fumihiko Maki on Thursday unveiled their plans for the three skyscrapers that will complete the redesigned World Trade Center site.

Church bells will toll and the stock exchange will observe five minutes of silence before the markets open.

As evening falls, two giant shafts of light will be beamed skywards where the Twin Towers once stood. *Reuters, AFP*

MACARIOLA as interviewed by GMA Channel 7.

Palace to press charges vs antiterror expert

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and back, as part of a security test.

The story did not identify the expert, on his request, but aviation officials later identified him as Macariola and released his name to the media. Macariola has worked as a consultant to Davao City Mayor Rodrigo Duterte and has given lectures to Davao airport people on security matters.

Macariola, who has been summoned to the National Bureau of Investigation for questioning, then denied he had carried out such a test. He said that what he carried with him to Davao were training materials that included a clay "mock-up" supposed to represent a C4 explosive.

Standing pat

Dela Cruz stuck to her story, saying she even read her draft to Macariola before submitting it for publication.

Malacañang also at first said that a meeting between Ms Arroyo and the antiterrorism expert was being planned. Ermita later said the President would not waste her time on the man. An aviation security official said the man was just bragging.

Contrary to what some people had said of him, friends and neighbors of Macariola in Valenzuela City described him as a low-key person who never boasted about his work, barangay officer Jaime Ocampo told the INQUIRER.

No braggart

Ocampo said Macariola and his family had lived in the neighborhood since the '70s and he was known to be the quiet type.

"I have known him since 1976 and since then I have not heard of any negative thing about him," he said.

Ocampo said he could not believe reports that Macariola, whom he portrayed as a man who kept to himself, was just bragging about what he supposedly found out about airport security.

"He was never arrogant," Ocampo said.

He said the first time he learned of the nature of his neighbor's job was when he read his name in the newspapers.

"All we know is they have a gun store but he never bragged about his work," Ocampo said in a mix of English and Filipino.

Longtime neighbor

Neighbor Leony Francisco said: "I have known Sam and his family for more than 30 years and we have not heard anything negative about him."

The man has three children and his wife is a dentist, she said.

"We believed he was telling the truth because we could not think of any reason for him to lie," Francisco said.

Macariola lives in a house with a concrete fence covered with lush vines. The doorbell is hidden and could only be reached through a fist-size hole on the right side of the pedestrian gate.

Macariola's lawyer, Jose Calida, said there was no basis to charge Macariola with unjust vexation, saying that the case was premised on the assumption that Macariola had carried live bomb materials on the plane, but he did not.

"Why would he carry a live bomb when, if it explodes, he would also get killed?" Calida said in an interview on a radio program hosted by Justice Secretary Raul Gonzalez. *Christine O. Avendaño and Nancy Carvajal with reports from Armand N. Nocum and Volt Contreras*

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Dr. GMA and Ms Hyde

EDITORIAL

AS AN ECONOMIST, PRESIDENT MACAPAGAL-Arroyo understands the axiom popularized by the dismal science: there ain't no such thing as a free lunch. As a politician, however, she has again and again succumbed to politics' main temptation: the tendency to offer various audiences, at various times, a chicken in every pot—free of charge.

The temptation to offer something for nothing has only grown more inviting or more urgent since the President found herself entangled in a crisis of legitimacy. The presidential generosity that flowed in the direction of the congressmen who rejected the impeachment complaints against her last year is one illustration of her administration's free-lunch mentality; the infrastructure projects planned for areas where she enjoys strong local government support are another.

And yet this evidently political allocation of scarce government resources must run counter to the President's deepest instincts as an economist and as the country's principal economic manager.

We all know she takes great pride in the bracing economic numbers of the past several quarters; she has in fact looked to economic performance as a validation, indeed a measure, of her success in office. Last week, she spoke of her readiness to continue enduring "political costs" just as long as she could ensure economic growth.

Maybe she suffers from governance schizophrenia?

Consider her startling issuance of Executive Order 558. For a sweeping new policy with billion-peso implications, the order, released on Aug. 8, was remarkably curt. All the one-page order said was that EO 138, Series of 1999, issued by President Joseph Estrada, was no longer in effect.

The revocation means, essentially, that government non-financial agencies (such as the Department of Agriculture) and government-owned and -controlled corporations (such as the National Food Authority) can once again grant extremely-cheap money through what are called "directed credit" programs. There are 40 billion reasons why this return to a discredited policy (no pun intended) is bad economics. That's how much money, in pesos, the government has lost over the last 20 years, through state-subsidized loans that ultimately proved unrecoverable.

The economist in the President must know that Estrada's EO 138 was a genuine breakthrough. It succeeded in stopping the hemorrhage of government money disbursed through porous lending programs. It brought back market discipline to an important part of the credit environment; made way for private business in providing financial assistance to the so-called basic sectors; and streamlined government lending by coursing all public-sector loans through government financial institutions (such as the Development Bank of the Philippines), which have the competence to handle them.

That last feat was the direct result of the key provision in EO 138, which decreed the "non-participation of government non-financial agencies and government-owned or -controlled corporations in the implementation of government credit programs." Effectively, this provision depoliticized the credit environment for the basic sectors.

Thus, on one level, the return to the old policy does not make sense. As a worried DBP official wrote Finance Secretary Margarito Teves: "Direct lending by GNFAs and GOCCs will not achieve the goal of instilling market and credit discipline." That's putting it mildly.

On another level, of course, the return of GNFA and GOCC involvement in lending programs makes eminent sense. Politically, the President is preparing the groundwork for electoral exercises next year. (The administration's requirements are the same, whether the electoral exercise is a plebiscite or a parliamentary election or, as the Constitution mandates, the regularly scheduled midterm vote.) A continuously flowing source of cheap credit has never hurt an incumbent's campaign.

But the reason why there ain't no such thing as a free lunch is because someone, somewhere, will always end up paying for it. Based on the government's sorry experience of the last 20 years, we cannot help but worry that the cost of the new EO 558 loans will eventually be borne by taxpayers and citizens several years from now—when the electoral exercises of 2007 shall have become a distant memory.

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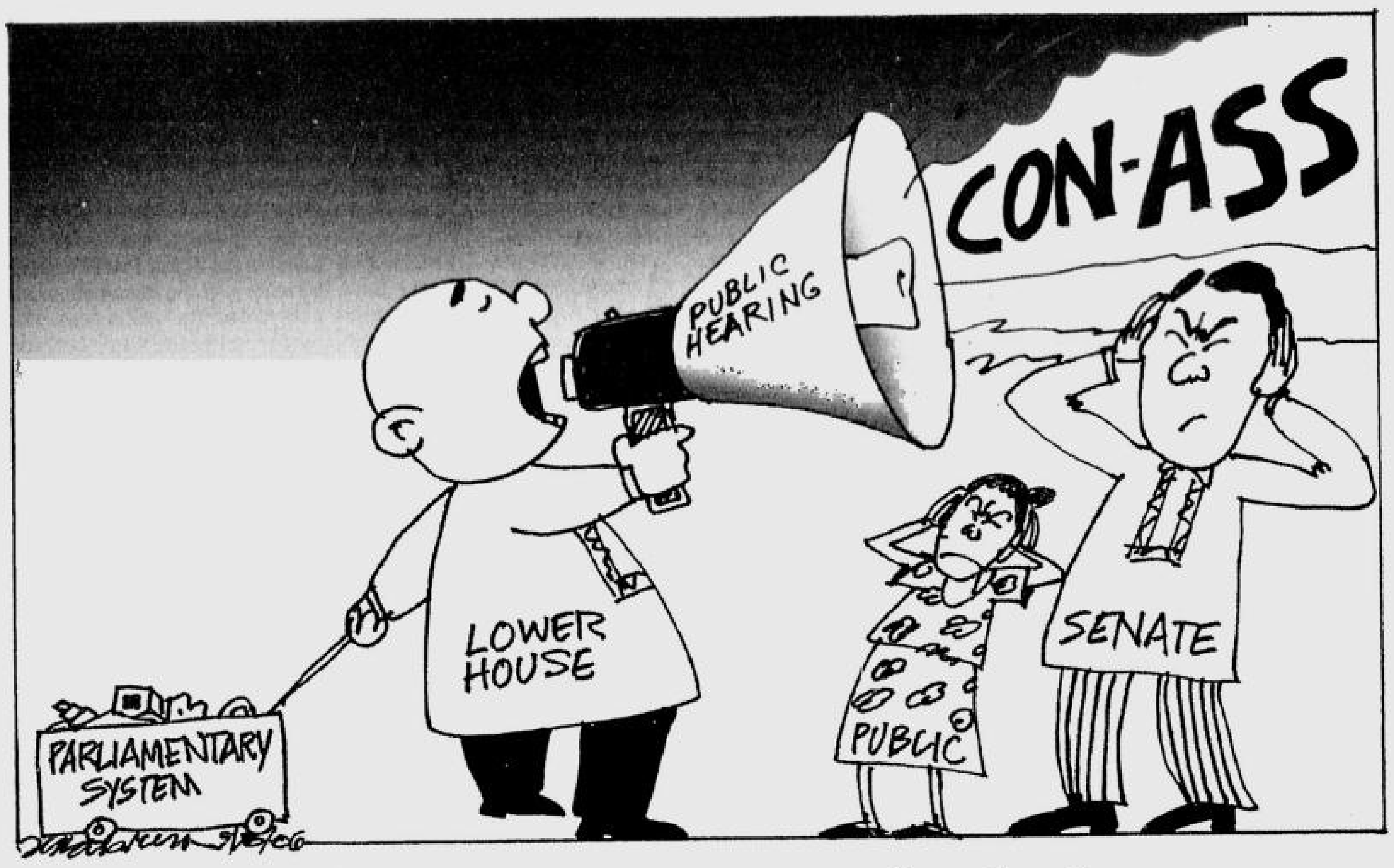

The Santiago case in the dock

SEPARATE OPINION

Isagani A. Cruz

UNDAUNTED BY ITS "INITIAL SETBACK" in the Commission on Elections, the Sigaw ng Bayan has gone to the Supreme Court for a reversal of the case of Santiago vs. Commission on Elections, 270 SCRA 106, that held in 1997 that there was no valid law implementing Art. XVII, Sec. 2 of the Constitution allowing its amendment by the method of the initiative. No such law has been enacted to date.

The petitioner is enlivened by the fact that the eight justices who constituted the majority in that case are all retired, as so too are but two of the six who dissented. The two who are still incumbent are Chief Justice Artemio V. Panganiban and Senior Associate Justice Reynato S. Puno, who both declared that RA 6735 adequately covered the initiative under the said provision.

The foremost obstacle to the present petition is *stare decisis*, which is simply defined as adherence to judicial precedent. In the case of Alonso vs. Intermediate Appellate Court, 150 SCRA 259, which I penned, the Supreme Court said:

"Precedents are helpful in deciding cases where they are on all fours or at least substantially identical with previous litigations. *Argumentum a simili valet in lege.* Early decisions are guideposts that can lead us in the right direction as we tread the highways and byways of the law in the search for truth and justice. These pronouncements represent the wisdom of the past. They are the voice of vanished judges speaking to the future. **Except when there is a need to reverse them because of an emergent viewpoint or an altered situation**, they urge us strongly that, indeed, the trodden path is best."

Examples of the exception are Ebralinag vs. Division Superintendent, 219 SCRA 256, on religious freedom, which reversed Gerona vs. Secretary of Education, 106 Phil. 2, and Tañada vs. Cuenco, 100 Phil. 1101, on political questions, which reversed Mabanag vs. Lopez Vito. 78 Phil, 1.

The Court also said in that unanimous decision:

"But as has also been aptly observed, we test a law by its results; and likewise, we may add, by its purposes. It is a cardinal rule that, in seeking the meaning of the law, the first concern of the judge should be to discover in its provisions the intent of the lawmaker. Unquestionably, the law should never be interpreted in such a way as to cause injustice as this is never within the legislative intent. An indispensable part of that intent, in fact, for we presume the good motives of the legislature, is to render justice.

"Thus, we interpret and apply the law not independently of but in consonance with justice. Law and justice are inseparable, and we must keep them so. To be sure, there are some laws that, while generally valid, may seem arbitrary when applied in a particular case because of its peculiar circumstances. In such a situation, we are not bound, because only of our nature and functions, to apply them just the same in slavish obedience to their language. What we do instead is find a balance between the word and the will, that justice may de done even as the law is obeyed.

"As judges, we are not automatons. We do not and must not unfeelingly apply the law as it is worded, yielding like robots to the literal command without regard to its cause and consequences. 'Courts are apt to err by sticking closely to the words of a law,' so we are warned by Justice Holmes again, 'where these words import a policy that goes beyond them.' While we admittedly may not legislate, we nevertheless have the power to interpret the law in such a way as to reflect the will of the legislature. While we may not read into the law a purpose that is not there, we nevertheless have the right to read out of it the reason for its enactment. In doing so, we defer not to 'the letter that killeth' but to "the spirit that vivifieth' to give effect to the lawmaker's will."

I hope the incumbent members of the Supreme Court will heed these well-meant suggestions of their vanished predecessors in deciding the pending petition of the Sigaw ng Bayan. Doubt is engendered by the curious fact that 13 of them owe their appointment to President Macapagal-Arroyo, who is known to be the foremost advocate of the temporarily thwarted initiative; and there is also the strong influence of Chief Justice Panganiban and Senior Associate Justice Puno, who both dissented in the Santiago Case and submitted that RA 6735 validly implemented the initiative for the amendment of the Constitution. But I prefer to keep an open mind and a hopeful heart.

Except for a few familiar but not bosom friends, the present members of the Supreme Court are hardly known to me. But I am assured of their independence of judgment as demonstrated by their decisions on PP 1017, EO 464 and other issuances of President Arroyo. I don't suggest that those who will reverse the Santiago Case are lackeys of Malacañang and those who will maintain it deserve the people's encomium.

I prefer to think that all of them will act like Lord Coke who, in answer to the intimidations and importunings of his monarch, replied, "I will do what becomes me as a judge."

Open

MOMENTS

Fr. Jerry M. Orbos, SVD

THE STORY IS TOLD ABOUT A HUSBAND who always came home late at night, for which he would always try to make up by greeting his wife: "How is the beautiful mother of my three wonderful children?" Somehow, he always got away with it. One night, when the husband greeted her with his usual line, the wife who was so annoyed with his style, cheerfully greeted him: "And how are you, the father of one of my three children?" Puzzled and overpowered by that statement, the husband changed and from that time on, always came home early.

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In today's Gospel (Mk. 7, 31-37), we are told that the Lord uttered the powerful words "*Ephpheta,*" and the deaf man's ears were opened and he began to speak plainly. Jesus' words were an ear-opener that changed his life forever.

We all need eye-openers and ear-openers that would change our lives. When God speaks (and He does!) through the Scriptures, events, people, moments and through signs of the times, let us be open and really listen to Him. "If today you hear His voice, harden not your hearts." (Hebrews 3:7-8)

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God speaks to us all the time. The problem is that we are not open to Him all the time. That must be very frustrating for Him, as it is frustrating for us whenever we try to reach somebody through his mobile phone and all we hear are the annoying words, "out of reach or unattended." How long have you set a "call barring" on God? How long will you refuse to really listen to Him?

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Jesus was a leader who not only made people hear. He also made people speak. If a leader is truly a follower of Jesus, he/she must be a leader who opens all avenues for people to be able to hear, and who does not mute or stifle people when they want to speak. In other words, a leader, like Jesus, must be one who allows the truth to be spoken and heard.

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The easiest thing to do to get by and to get going in this life is to pretend that we see nothing, hear nothing and speak nothing. Sad to say, but "safety" and "placing" are the big words in our pragmatic society today where principles and values are easily set aside for the sake of order and prosperity. It is sad that there are very few good men and women nowadays who would stand up for the truth and who would fight for their God-given principles.

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On a personal note, if you encounter people who are so closed and solid as a rock, don't lose heart. The grace of God is powerful. Continue to pray for them and let the Holy Spirit enlighten them. "Come, Holy Spirit!" is a powerful prayer for people who need healing, forgiveness, or conversion. Keep repeating this powerful prayer. For us, it may be impossible, but nothing is impossible with God.

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God was speaking to me, but it took time before I listened. On the eve of Mama Mary's birthday, while waiting for the Mass in Our Lady of the Rosary Parish in Valenzuela, Bulacan, the parish priest, Father Teng, and I were having a talk at the sacristy. Then he told me to sit down for a while. As we were seated and conversing, it suddenly dawned on me that the moment was a clear invitation for me to make a good confession in grateful preparation for Mama Mary's birthday. The Lord was already speaking, but, it took time before I eventually listened and responded to His call. Yes, let us really listen, and let us not keep the Lord waiting.

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The sudden passing away of a dear family friend, Imelda-Crisol Roces, is a very loud and clear message for all of us that, indeed, life is short and that death is inevitable—and unpredictable. While the National Police Commission (of which she was the vice chair and CEO) was celebrating its anniversary, she collapsed because of aneurysm, and then she was gone—just like that. For those who are in power, and for those who think that power lasts forever, listen to "Tita Mely" who, by her life's example, has taught us that nothing lasts in this world, except the love we have spared, and the service we have rendered to our people.

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"Tita Mely" Roces opened a lot of horizons in my young mind as a seminarian way back in 1978, when I was a regent in the Divine Word College of Legazpi. Her dynamism, warmth, openness and sincerity made me realize that life must be and can be lived to the fullest. Her passion for life and her compassion for people were contagious. In her, I saw the constant effort to live life and to celebrate life because life is from God. And we should celebrate life, especially the public servant because public service is (and should be) from God. She left many "*Ephphetas*" (Be opened!) in my life, and for these I am truly grateful. May we have more public servants like her.

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Life is indeed full of happy and sad moments. Don't give up on your faith, for God will keep you afloat. Just remember to call on Him. For prayer requests, text FJREQ <your name><your prayer request> and send to 2948 for Globe/Sun or 3940 for Smart. God bless you. Mama Mary loves you!

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A moment with the Lord:

Lord, help me to be open to you, listen to you, and to really speak for you. Amen.

A ‘minor’ incident

REVEILLE

Ramon J. Farolan

ONE OF THE MOST PAINFUL TASKS FOR ANY commander is to bury his men who have been killed in battle. It is much like a father who has to preside over the death of a son or a daughter.

Last Monday, the Marines suffered six fatalities, with 20 others wounded, in a clash with Abu Sayyaf elements in the jungles of Patikul, Sulu. Since Aug. 1, troops from the newly created Western Mindanao Command under Maj. Gen. Eugenio Cedo, have been pursuing Abu Sayyaf chief Khaddafi Janjalani and two Jemaah Islamiyah (JI) leaders, Umar Patek and Dulmatin. Both JI personalities are believed to have been involved in the Bali bombings of 2002.

The flag-draped coffins of the fallen Marines lying in state at the Bonifacio Naval Station were a grim reminder that in spite of all the peace talks being conducted with Muslim insurgents, there is a shooting war going on—and soldiers are dying while we go about our daily lives here in Metro Manila and in other parts of the country as though everything were peaceful and normal.

The question has often been asked: Does our society recognize the contributions of our soldiers? Does a self-indulgent society like ours somehow make their sacrifices worthwhile? One answer: Probably not. For one thing, very few of our people are aware of events that are taking place in Mindanao. Very few know the difference between the Abu Sayyaf and the Jemaah Islamiyah and what these organizations are all about. And for as long as their lives are not directly affected, very few really care.

When I started writing a news column some 20 years ago, one of my first subjects had to do with the death of some 18 soldiers who were ambushed by NPA elements in Quezon province. It seems that after so many years, our country remains engaged in an endless war against various insurgencies. There appears to be no end to the conflict, and as with most armed forces around the world, the grunts who bear the burden of the fighting and the dying belong to the poorest sector of our society. They usually are the breadwinners and the main source of sustenance for parents, and for brothers and sisters.

Our thoughts and our prayers go out to the families of our Marines who paid the ultimate price in the service of their country. In remembering each one of them, one cannot help but recall some lines from Shakespeare:

....When he shall die
Take him and cut him out in little stars,
And he will make the face of heaven so fine
That all the world will be in love with night
And pay no worship to the garish sun.

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A senior Army officer on active duty rang me up last week, expressing dismay and puzzlement over the comments of AFP Chief of Staff Gen. Hermogenes Esperon Jr. regarding the loss of 29 firearms—actually 40 in one week—to NPA insurgents in Valencia City, Bukidnon. Our readers will recall that last month some 50 armed rebels entered undetected a camp on the outskirts of Valencia City and hauled away 29 firearms without encountering much resistance from security forces in the area.

The Army officer apparently came across a published statement made by the AFP chief of staff, describing the incident as "minor" and pointing out that from January to June of this year, the AFP had recovered more than 200 firearms from the insurgents. The officer, who shall remain anonymous, could not believe that our chief of staff would dismiss in such a cavalier manner the loss of so many firearms and would belittle the loss against the gains made by the AFP over a six-month period. He added that in describing the event as a minor incident, Esperon also sent out the wrong signal to our men in the field. The message could probably be that the commanders responsible for this "debacle"—I use the word of the Army spokesperson—will not be given more than a slap on the wrist. We could be wrong. This is one case that needs to be closely monitored so that our people will have some idea of the degree of discipline in the military organization, and how high up command responsibility is recognized when it comes to lapses in the performance of military duties.

In a recent conversation with a highly-respected former commanding general of the Philippine Army—also on the same subject—he expressed astonishment at the remarks of Esperon. The former Army chief viewed the firearms' loss as a serious incident involving the dereliction of duty on the part of the unit commanders. He also thought the incident called for the institution of court martial proceedings.

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Medal for Valor awardees: Last week, I made mention of the two oldest and the two youngest of our Medal for Valor winners. This Sunday, I am featuring two other officers who have also won the nation's highest military medal. Both unfortunately are facing charges for having been allegedly involved in the February coup plot against the government. Both belong to the Marine Corps, one of the elite units of our armed forces.

Col. Ariel O. Querubin belongs to PMA class of 1979. On March 18, 2000, as commanding officer of Marine Battalion Landing Team I, he was cited for heroic action against MILF elements, leading to the capture of the headquarters of the 3rd MILF Field Division.

Lt. Col. Custodio J. Parcon Jr. is a member of PMA class 1987. As the commanding officer of the 61st Marine Reconnaissance Company, Parcon was cited for the rescue of kidnap victim Luis Anthony Bell III. Parcon led his men on a hazardous mission which brought about the capture of an enemy camp holding the kidnap victim.

Cervical cancer in Asia and the Pacific

AT LARGE

Rina Jimenez-David

CEBU—THE SPECTACULAR SETTING OF THE Shangri-La Mactan Resort and Spa seems a most peculiar backdrop to a regional meeting about a disease that counts among the top killers of women worldwide.

Against a view of the sea, swaying palms and children running back and forth between one pool to another, more than 500 delegates have been here the past few days to discuss new developments in the prevention, screening, treatment and cure of cervical cancer and HPV infections. Certainly the most exciting and most controversial of these developments is an anti-HPV vaccine which has the potential of preventing up to 70 percent of the more than 500,000 deaths from cervical cancer each year.

Perhaps, this is why more than 500 participants from 29 countries descended on Cebu for this meeting, drawing what Dr. Suzanne Garland, AOGIN (Asia Oceania Research Organization on Genital Infections and Neoplasia) president, called "the superstars of international cervical cancer research and education" as speakers and presentors.

The reason for getting all these people together is the AOGIN Second Biennial Conference, which gathers gynecologists, oncologists, immunologists, pediatricians and other specialists, researchers, scientists, public health officials and health advocates to discuss, explore and carry out ways to bring down the incidence of cervical cancer in this part of the world.

And there's good reason for the health community of Asia and the Pacific to get involved. Dr. Garland noted in her welcome address that the Asia-Oceania region "contributes more, in terms of absolute numbers, cervical cancer deaths than any other part of the world." More than half of all cervical cancer deaths in the developing world occur in this region. And Dr. Xavier Bosch, in his talk on the "Cervical Cancer Burden in Asia," says the 265,000 deaths due to cervical cancer in the region could very easily double once better coverage, especially of cancer registries, is implemented especially in the large countries of China and India.

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THE REASON so many women die unnecessarily from cervical cancer—which is one of the easiest cancers to detect, treat and cure, in the Asia-Pacific region—is poverty. That and lack of awareness and education on the part of the women, and the low priority accorded to cervical cancer screening by health policymakers.

But first, a review. Dr. Garland describes cervical cancer as "a disease caused by a very common infection that develops into a rare form of cancer." Cervical cancer has been found to be linked—in nearly 100 percent of cases—to an infection of the human papillomavirus. More particularly, in over 70 percent of cases, to infection by two types of HPV: 16 and 18.

Between the ages of 18 and 25, most sexually active men and women would have been infected by the HPV. Though in approximately 80 percent of cases, these infections would be "transient," that is, they spontaneously disappear, usually within a year. But when the infections prove to be "persistent," that is, they stay around for a long period, in women beyond 30 years of age, they can be a cause for concern.

This is why tests for HPV detection and screening procedures for cervical cancer are recommended for women age 25 or beyond, for that is when an HPV infection could be deemed "persistent," and when pre-cancerous lesions can be detected. (Some studies show, though, that some girls and women may begin exhibiting persistent HPV infection and lesions at a much earlier age. Dr. Efren Domingo of UP-PGH says the youngest case he has seen so far is a 13-year-old sex worker.)

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IN MOST developed countries, comprehensive universal screening, using primarily the "Pap" smear, has dramatically brought down the number of cervical cancer deaths. And that is why so many women die from cervical cancer in our part of the world. For one, not too many women are aware of the need to go for a "Pap" smear or other forms of screening once they become sexually active. Neither are they aware of the link between cervical cancer and HPV. But even if a woman knows about or wants to go for screening, she still faces a daunting barrier if the health infrastructure, particularly the public health system, is not equipped to handle a mass screening program.

"Pap" smears are available in public health centers, but the lab work necessary to process the smears is not always reliable, and there is no systematic process for contacting the women who have been screened and found to have "troublesome" cells to go for further tests. In the United Kingdom, for instance, written "invitations" are mailed by health centers to women, with follow-up reminders when they need to go for re-testing.

The low priority given to health, but especially to women's health concerns, is yet another reason for the high incidence of cervical cancer. Doctors in Cebu tell of going to far-flung towns to conduct free clinics on cervical cancer and even when they offer their services—such as colposcopy, which provides for a closer examination of the cervix, to the women—"they will make you wait all day and still not come, and when you see them, they will give all sorts of excuses."

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FOR this reason, some countries, most prominently Thailand, have begun offering what they call the "Single Visit Approach." This employs the relatively inexpensive test called "VIA" for visual inspection, using acetic acid wash, which when applied to the cervix will make pre-cancerous cells or lesions turn whiter than the surrounding tissue. Trained medical and health personnel would then use cryosurgery (freezing) to excise the problematic tissue, thus eliminating the need for a return visit for the result, as with the "Pap" smear.

After 9/11

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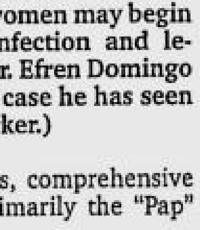

Randy David

THE TRANSFORMATION OF AIR TRAVEL, PARticularly into the United States, into a tedious, time-consuming, and often humiliating activity is only the most obvious effect of 9/11. It is perhaps the least important. The paranoia that 9/11 spawned has produced a new international security doctrine that is undermining democracy everywhere. It has given a new warrant to imperialist wars by reviving the archaic notion of preemptive defense. It has extended the life of militarist and dictatorial regimes that had been battered by the global tide of democratization in the '80s and '90s. It has given tyrants who justify oppression as a state necessity a good conscience.

The United States has fought many wars before, but never on its homeland. The daring 9/11 attacks on New York and Washington, the heartland of American power, were unprecedented not only in their brazenness but in their effect on the American psyche. They gave imperial arrogance a moral reason to unleash the capacity for naked violence that the United States wields as the world's lone superpower.

Its first targets were the aliens perceived to pose a threat at home. In the days following 9/11, 768 foreigners were rounded up and jailed as "special interest" detainees. Their identities were kept secret, and the public was barred from the immigration hearings in which their cases were taken up. Within a week after 9/11, the first draft of the Patriot Act took shape. Much of the assault on the civil liberties of persons living in the United States today happens under the auspices of this law.

The Bush government immediately went into a self-defense mode and vowed to punish not only the perpetrators of 9/11 but also the countries that harbor them. In the list were Iraq, Afghanistan, Libya, Sudan and Iran. Intelligence operatives named Osama bin Laden as the mastermind of the hijackers, who were mostly Saudi nationals. But the hunt for Bin Laden led to Afghanistan, where the anti-Western Taliban held sway. Operating under a UN mandate, US-led coalition forces overthrew the Taliban, but failed to find Bin Laden, the war's prime object. A new Afghan government was installed, but four years later, it is still incapable of enforcing its authority and defending itself. In the past few weeks, resurgent Taliban forces have seized control of towns west of Kandahar, engaging Canadian troops in fierce battles on difficult Afghan terrain. George W. Bush rationalized the war on Afghanistan as a fight to bring democracy to that country. That goal remains a dream. The US-led coalition forces now find themselves more and more playing the role of an occupying rather than a liberating army.

The next target was Iraq, an oil-producing country under a secular dictator. Unable to obtain a UN mandate to invade Iraq, Bush sold the idea to the American people by linking Saddam Hussein to the 9/11 hijackers and by accusing his government of storing weapons of mass destruction. Subsequent investigations found no basis for either charge. The United States raised the flag of democratization over Iraq, expecting to be welcomed by the Iraqis as a liberating force. But Iraq today is in shambles, a society torn by civil war. After wasting billions of dollars and losing American lives, the United States faces the familiar problem of how to disengage without admitting it has failed. Bush continues to paint Iraq as a breeding ground of terrorists who must be stopped where they are so they would not pose a threat to America. This line is being rejected by a growing majority of the American people.

There is a wealth of information to be found in the report of the 9/11 Commission. But the motives that led the hijackers to do what they did continued to puzzle the investigators. The commission ended its hearings in June 2004, and in one of these final hearings, the question of motives was raised again by its vice chair, Lee Hamilton. An interesting response to the question was given by FBI Special Agent James Fitzgerald. This was caught on video but did not find its way into the commission's report.

"I believe," Fitzgerald declared, "that they feel a sense of outrage against the United States. They identify with the Palestinian problem. They identify with people who oppose oppressive regimes. I believe they tend to focus their anger on the United States." This is perhaps the most honest account of what agitates Islamic peoples all over the world today. US policy has refused to see American support for Israel against the Palestinian cause, and the cozy relations that America has maintained with oppressive but pro-American Arab regimes, as the driving force behind the anger of Muslims against America. Bush continues to peddle the lie that what fuels Islamic militancy is hatred for American freedoms. It is absurd.

All eyes have been focused on Israel's recent incursions into Lebanon. Not many see what it is doing today to Palestinian communities in Gaza and the West Bank. After the abduction of an Israeli soldier and the killing of two others by Palestinian militants on June 25, Israel has laid a siege on Gaza. "Gaza is a jail," the mayor of Gaza city told journalist Patrick Cockburn. "Neither people nor goods are allowed to leave it. People are already starving."

Nothing can ever justify the loss of innocent lives, including those of many Filipinos who perished five years ago in the 9/11 attacks. But the Bush government has trivialized their deaths by unleashing its own campaign of terror, and by endorsing Israel's punitive actions, against communities and peoples they freely label as terrorists.

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The face of terror

REBEL WITHOUT A CLUE

Patricia Evangelista

"WE ARE ALL AMERICANS," SAID THE FRENCH NEWSpaper Le Monde, after 9/11 exploded across the world nearly five years ago. And so we were, brothers all, standing shoulder to shoulder with a weeping, mournful and broken America.

Then came the War on Terror, America's short blind leap from grief to anger, to an all-consuming rage. America named its enemy and called them terrorists.

Naming is an act of power, it is to identify an object, to remove it from the unknown, and to assign to it a set of characteristics, motives, values and behaviors. To be named terrorist is to be branded with all that is evil, and to be held responsible for the 3,000 deaths in the Twin Towers, for the anguish of orphaned children and bereaved families, for an act extraordinary in its atrocity. To name is to assign good or evil, right or wrong, a "verbal symbol" that once designated takes on a life of its own. The Bard was wrong—a rose by any other name is not as sweet.

In a bid to join America, the Philippines took its own local conflicts and renamed them to suit the rhetoric of America. It was the perfect opportunity. There was a President with a weak mandate, whose tenuous grasp on power depended on her creation of a "strong republic." But strength cannot be proven in stasis, there has to be an enemy to fight, a dragon to slay, the moral battle to wage between the forces of good and evil.

President Macapagal-Arroyo, said US President Bush, is "tough when it comes to terror. She fully understands that in the face of terror, you've got to be strong, not weak. The only way to deal with these people is to bring them to justice. You can't talk to them. You can't negotiate with them. You have to find them."

So she found them. There was a renaming: the Moro Islamic Liberation Front became terrorist, the Communist Party of the Philippines became terrorist, and the New People's Army became terrorist. The war against the Left took on a new vigor. "The CPP-NPA," said presidential spokesperson Ignacio Bunye, "has just shown the people what they (communists) are good at—terrorism and deception. But the Armed Forces and police will never be daunted in performing their joint humanitarian missions." We suddenly became "a strong and leading player in the global war," we had a government that "scored success after success in the campaign against terrorism," who promised to "continue to use the hand of steel in flushing out the network of evil." To name is to deny the legality of the enemy, and to emphasize the need for law and order over and above any other concern.

In a speech, GMA announced that although there were revenues set aside for anti-poverty programs, what truly bound the country together was the "fight against the Left." Naming became a justification for unjustifiable actions, a license for repression, a legitimizing of violent acts. There was no longer room for logic—leftist meant terrorist, gun or no gun. In plazas all over Central Luzon, the military "invited" townsfolk to lectures that put the mark of NPA on members of Anak Pawis, Bayan Muna and Gabriela. According to Maj. Gen. Jovito Palparan, "the anti-insurgency drive is being done to help the people move freely and without threat to their economic activities." It is a "cleansing," and if civilians were killed, he said, "sorry *na lang*."

There's a great danger to naming, when people reach a point where all opinions are tolerated and all imperatives are followed according to a mind-set established by the body in power. I've run the gamut of being skeptical, angry, helpless and back again, and still I'm here, wondering what it is anyone can do other than pray.

When Amnesty International bellowed its objections, the government called its accusations "unfair and misplaced." When the Commission on Human Rights demanded explanations, it was accused of indulging in "a propaganda war." When pressure from all sides built up, the President herself accused the opposition of "using the issue of human rights to demonize our administration in the international community."

The government went on the defensive—it realized, too little too late, that human rights were not to be toyed with. Suddenly, the President condemned political killings, and demanded that witnesses step forward. That the killings could possibly be a result of government action was, of course, out of the question. "Vicious propaganda," said Nueva Ecija Gov. Tomas Joson III. "Preposterous," said Bunye who insisted that everyone "lay off the PNP and the AFP."

Palparan himself was not averse to interviews. "Those leftists always blame me. They have to show evidence against me or any other Armed Forces officers or personnel." This is incredible bravado from the major general, the same man who refused to appear five different times for the court hearings on the Cadapan-Empeño case for different reasons: the first, an anniversary that he was to attend; the second, a possible meeting with GMA; the third, a fever, and the fourth, the possibility of his getting another fever. His latest reason was that he has been receiving death threats.

Until now, he has not been cited for contempt of court.

An accusation of terrorism masks many things and eliminates the need for justification, for proof, for even common standards of decency and humanity. The sins of a government or its soldiers become excusable with the naming of a greater evil—it is a war, and wars have a price.

"We cannot fight a Just War," says sociologist Termes, "if we call our enemies anything other than human. We cannot fight a Just War if we call civilians anything other than civilians."

The war against the Left began with a naming. There is power to a name, not just in giving a name, but also in stripping a name off. The hundreds who have been killed have been forgotten, their names unremembered, their stories untold—they are no longer real people, but statistics.

They are remembered, if ever, as casualties of war, or as enemies of the state, notches on the belt of a swaggering major general: Orlando Rivera, of Binuangan, Obando, member of Pamalakaya-Obando, shot inside his own home on Aug. 16. Roderick John Cruz and Marvin Verano, of Barangay San Jose, Hagonoy, Bulacan, abducted and tossed into a stainless steel jeep. Councilor Roberto Victoria, active supporter of the farmers' cause in Hacienda Menez, gunned down with his wife Shirley, at 5:30 a.m. by armed men on a motorcycle last Friday, Sept. 7. Napoleon Bautista, of Barangay San Roque, Hagonoy, Bulacan, Anak Pawis member, found dead at 6 a.m. of the same day, one ear gone, face unrecognizable and body repeatedly stabbed.

Wars have a price, and these are their names.

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Mangroves, sea grass and oil spills

MANGROVE FORESTS AND SEA-GRASS BEDS PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN MArine biodiversity. Mangroves not only protect coasts from storms and tsunamis, but also serve as feeding sites and nurseries for fish, shrimps, crabs and other creatures.

Like mangroves, sea-grass beds support and harbor young fish, shrimps, prawns, crabs and sea cucumbers. They also serve as feeding ground for turtles and the endangered dugong.

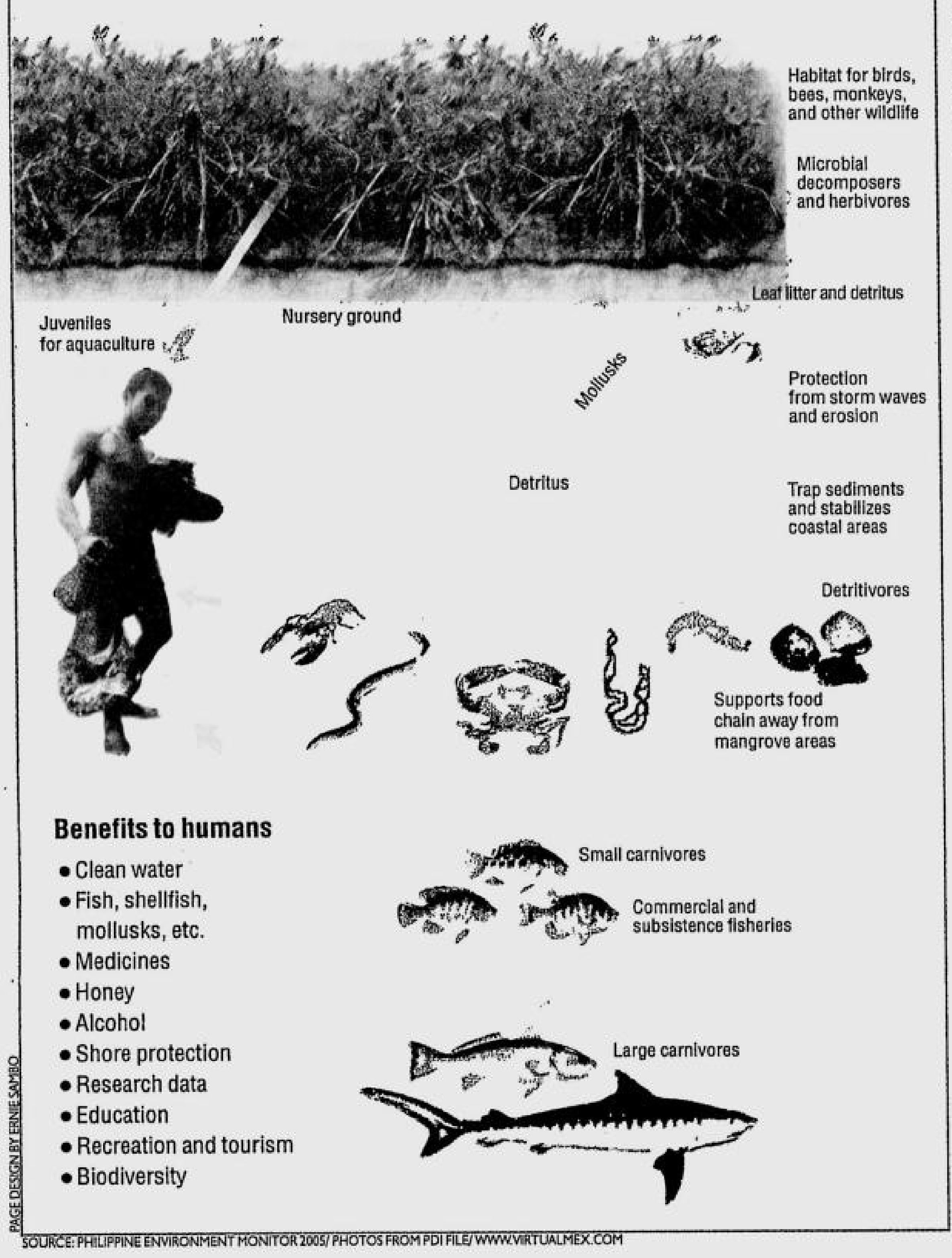
However, the country's mangrove forests and sea-grass beds face degradation. More than 70 percent of mangrove forests in the country have been cut, converted to fishponds or reclaimed for other uses, according to a World Bank report.

The report also found that "half of the sea-grass beds have either been lost or severely degraded, and the rate of degradation is increasing."

The massive oil spill off Guimaras Island has destroyed 454 ha of mangroves, including most of the 46-ha mangrove forest on Taklong Island. The oil spill from M/T Solar I, which was loaded with 2.1 million liters of bunker fuel oil when it sank on Aug. 11, also has contaminated or destroyed 58 ha of seaweed farms.

Rehabilitation and recovery of marine life contaminated by the oil spill could take 10 to 20 years, according to scientists at the University of the Philippines Visayas.

Figure 1. Mangroves and their ecological and economic products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Microbial decomposers and herbivores
Leaf litter and detritus
Juveniles for aquaculture
Nursery ground
Mollusks
Protection from storm waves and erosion
Detritus
Trap sediments and stabilizes coastal areas
Detritivores
Supports food chain away from mangrove areas
Benefits to humans
• Clean water
• Fish, shellfish, mollusks, etc.
• Medicines
• Honey
• Alcohol
• Shore protection
• Research data
• Education
• Recreation and tourism
• Biodiversity
Small carnivores
Commercial and subsistence fisheries
Large carnivores

SOURCE: PHILIPPINE ENVIRONMENT MONITOR 2005/ PHOTOS FROM PDI FILE/ WWW.VIRTUALMEX.COM

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MANGROVES PROTECT coasts from storms, erosion, and floods, and help purify water. They are important feeding sites for many commercially important fish species (mullet, tilapia, eel and especially milkfish), shrimps, prawns, mollusks, crabs and sea cucumbers. Fry that gather in mangrove areas are very important for aquaculture.

Mangrove coverage in the Philippines has declined from around 450,000 ha in 1918 to only about 120,000 ha in 1995. A recent interpretation of 2002 satellite images by the National Mapping and Resource Information Authority and the Forest Management Board indicated a total area of 248,813 ha. This estimate, however, has not been validated on the ground.

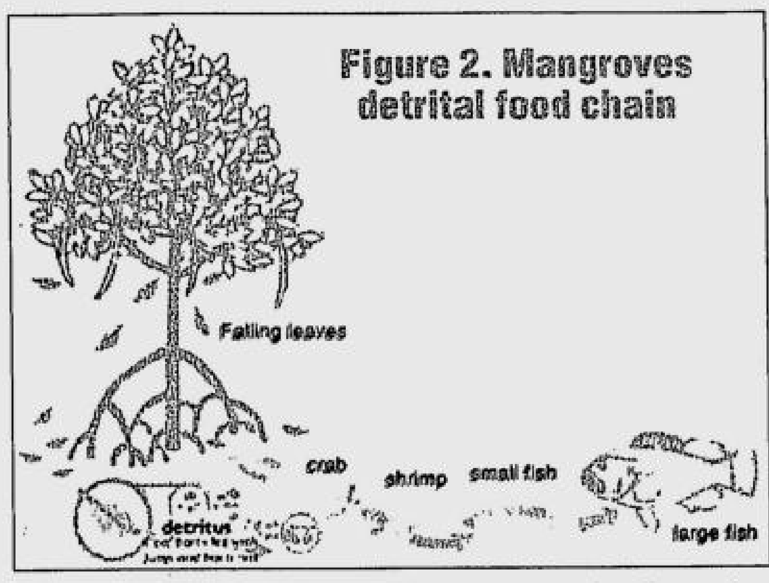
The rate of exploitation in the mid-1980s was highest in the Visayas. Satellite image analyses indicate that Mindanao has the most mangrove areas in the country (29 percent of the country's total) while Luzon and Mindoro have the least. Old-growth mangrove forests are mainly found in Mindanao (4,582 ha) and Palawan (5,317 ha).

Mangrove cover nationwide is now relatively stable, with some increases seen in areas of intense coastal resource management, particularly around Bohol and Siquijor Islands in the Visayas.

Conversion

Mangrove forests have been converted to aquaculture, salt production, and human settlement. Conversion to fishponds represents about 289,000 ha of the losses noted above. These fishponds mainly cultivate milkfish and shrimps. The use of mangrove forest wood on the part of local populations (if beyond sustainable levels) also contributes to the decline in this type of forest.

Figure 2. Mangroves detrital food chain



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The conversion of mangroves into fishponds normally results in an overall loss of coastal productivity and fisheries yield. Fishponds pollute mangrove swamps with organic and inorganic fertilizers, chemical toxins, and antibiotics. The use of seawater for fishponds also causes the salinization of the ground water and adjacent lands, including agricultural lands—such as in Central Visayas. In many cases, a few large fishpond entrepreneurs gain at the expense of marginal fisherfolk.

Until recently, fishpond leases cost only about $2 per hectare per year, in contrast to conservative resource rent estimates of $538 per hectare per year for fish and $42 to $156 per hectare per year for wood harvests from mangroves. As a result of the very low fees for fishpond leases many families own or lease large fishpond areas.

Many of these ponds, however, are either underutilized or abandoned. In general, productivity is low in Philippine fish farms when compared with, for example, Thai shrimp farms, which have an average size of 2 hectares or less. By reducing farm sizes, fish farmers could increase pond yields and old pond areas could instead be used for replanting mangroves.

Sea-grass beds

During the past decade or so, the loss of mangroves to fishponds has declined, in part as a result of an improved implementation of national policies for mangrove conservation.

Sea-grass beds are a vital resource for underwater life. Sea-grass beds provide the intermediate buffer necessary for coral reefs to protect coasts and mangroves from strong waves and surges and for mangroves to protect reefs from erosion and sedimentation. The exchange of mutual benefits among mangrove, sea grass and coral reef ecosystems is illustrated in Figure 3.

Sea-grass beds also support and harbor many juvenile fishes (including rabbitfish), adult rabbitfish, and commercially important shrimps, prawns, crabs, sea urchins and sea cucumbers. Sea-grass habitats also serve as the feeding ground for marine turtles and the highly endangered dugong. Some 16 species of sea grasses have been identified.

From surveys in 96 sites, 978 sq km of sea-grass beds have been identified in the country, mostly in northwestern, western and southern areas, with outlying islands having sizeable beds. About half of the sea-grass beds have either been lost or severely degraded over the past 50 years, and the rate of degradation is increasing.

Sea-grass losses and degradation result from coastal development (industries, ports), waste disposal, sedimentation, destructive fishing (raking, trawling, and the construction of fish corrals), eutrophication (water pollution caused by excessive plant nutrients), boat traffic, and aquaculture.

Source: "Philippine Environment Monitor 2005: Coastal and Marine Resource Management." The World Bank

CASE STUDIES

Zoe Colocotronis, *La Parguera, Puerto Rico*

ON MARCH 18, 1973, THE *Zoe Colocotronis* ran aground on a reef 3.5 miles off the La Parguera tourist area on the southwest coast of Puerto Rico. The master intentionally released 37,579 barrels of Venezuelan (Tijuana) crude oil. An estimated 24,000 barrels stranded on the beaches of Cabo Rojo.

Three separate pools of black oil 6-8 inches thick oiled the shore of Cabo Rojo on the Bahía Sucia side. On March 21, a large number of sea cucumbers, conchs, prawns, sea urchins and polychaete annelids washed ashore.

Response

Organisms died in the Thalassia sea-grass beds and oil moved into mangrove forests composed of white, red and black mangrove trees.

Cleanup efforts were conducted outside the mangrove areas and involved booming, digging sumps, and pumping the collected oil into tank trucks. On March 23, before the oil in the mangroves could be recovered, an unexpected wind shift drove patches of oil out of the mangroves and into other areas and beaches. By March 24, 93.3 million liters of nearly pure oil had been removed from other areas using sumps, skimmers and vacuum trucks. Steam cleaning was not used because there was no accessible source of fresh water. No cleanup was conducted in the mangroves.

Impact

Scientists from the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) surveyed the mangrove areas for a week beginning 24 hours after the spill.

Detailed surveys were conducted of all oiled areas during the second week after the spill and again during the 13th week. Additional EPA site visits were made in January 1974 (10 months later) and January 1976 (34 months later) providing some idea of long-term effects. In one well-studied area, one hectare of red and black mangrove trees was defoliated and died during the three years following the spill. However, the EPA scientists also noted that much of the associated invertebrate life had recovered.

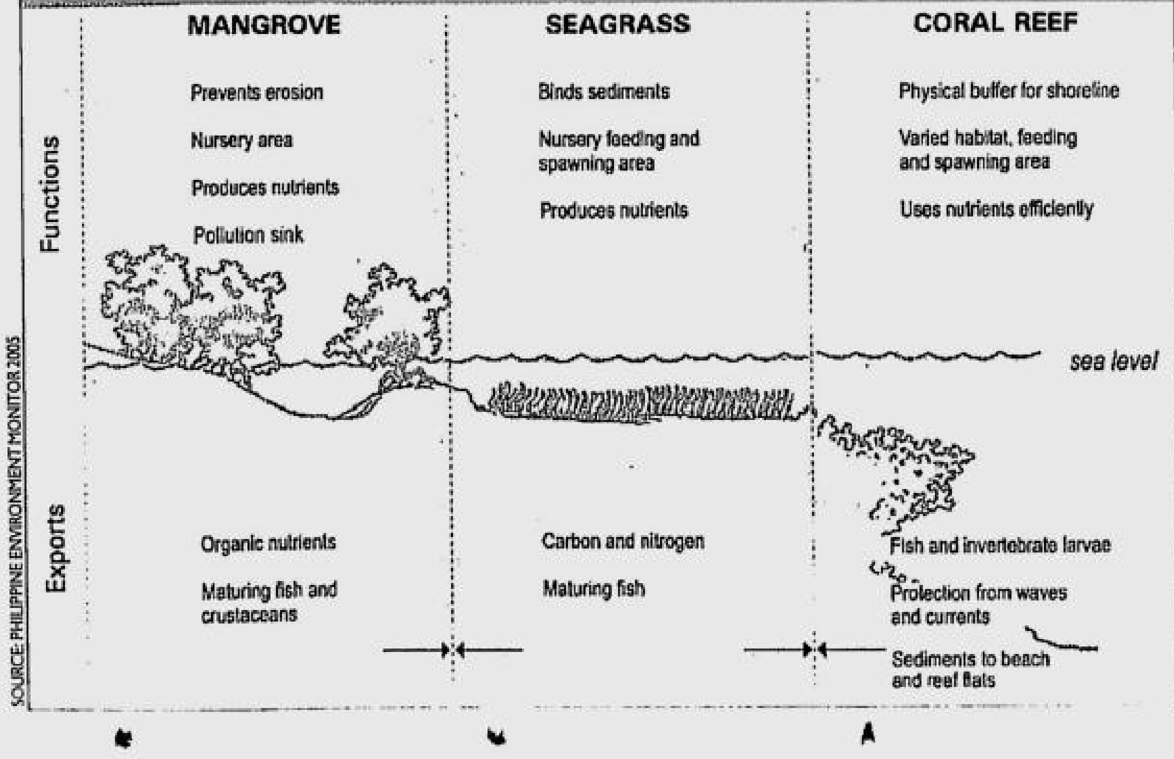
In November 1973, eight months following the spill, oil chemists from Bowdoin College in Maine visited several oiled sites and noted a reemergence of young trees. Although sediment oil concentrations remained high, the oil was heavily weathered and degraded.

These observations suggested that the toxic components were gone in about half a year. This team had also visited oiled black mangrove sites four times between April 1979 and April 1981, six to eight years after the spill.

The scientists measured ratios of sodium and potassium in some plants, supporting the idea that oil injured the trees by disrupting salt and water balance and that such disruption might have been alleviated by directed cleanup. However, they made no comment on the visible health of the mangroves at that time.

Eleven years after the spill, other chemists took sediment cores from several previously oiled mangrove sites and found concentrations ranging from 10,000 to 100,000 ppm (dry weight, total unresolved hydrocarbons) in a layer 6 cm below the relatively clean surface sediments. In addition, they found oil, possibly from the 1962 Argea Prima spill, 14-16 cm below the surface. These last researchers did not report the status of the mangrove trees themselves.

Figure 3. Exchange of mutual benefits among mangrove, sea grass and coral reef ecosystems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Nursery area
Produces nutrients
Pollution sink
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Nursery feeding and spawning area
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Physical buffer for shoreline
Varied habitat, feeding and spawning area
Uses nutrients efficiently
sea level
Exports
Organic nutrients
Maturing fish and crustaceans
Carbon and nitrogen
Maturing fish
Fish and invertebrate larvae
Protection from waves and currents
Sediments to beach and reef flats

SOURCE: PHILIPPINE ENVIRONMENT MONITOR 2005

T/V Era, *Spencer Gulf, South Australia*

ON AUG. 30, 1992, THE tanker *Era* released an estimated 296 tons of heavy bunker oil (a blend of diesel and heavy residual) at a jetty near the head of Spencer Gulf, South Australia. On the night of Sept. 1-2, an estimated 20 tons stranded along 10-15 km of mangrove forest south of Port Pirie, SA. However, subsequent surveys estimated that the actual quantity stranded in the mangroves was 57 tons.

Response

Within two to three hours of the release, the oil slick was treated from vessels spraying dispersants Corexit 9527 and 7667; the following day, aircraft also sprayed slicks with Ardrox dispersant.

Responders were advised that cleanup within the mangrove forest was not feasible and would likely increase damage to adjacent, unimpacted areas.

Thus, all subsequent activity in the mangrove forest was restricted to detailed and long-term monitoring.

Impact

Oiled mangroves were monitored for four years after the spill. This is perhaps one of the most well-documented accounts available of the fate and effects of oil in a mangrove forest. Only a brief, highly simplified account can be given here and the reader is advised to consult the report for important details and qualifications.

Due to an extremely high tide, oil penetrated far into the mangrove forest (50 m) coating leaves as well as stems, trunks and sediment. Oil concentrations and visible damage to mangrove trees were recorded over four years. About 75-100 ha were oiled: 4.2 heavily, 7.3 moderately, and 38.0 lightly. In 1992 heavy oiling of canopy and extensive mats of oiled sea-grass debris characterized heavily oiled areas. By November 1992 mangroves over a total area of 2.3 hectares suffered extensive defoliation; the area expanded slightly to 3.2 ha by 1995 and then stopped increasing.

Defoliated

Trees that were totally defoliated did not recover during the four-year period. Defoliation and degree of sediment oiling were correlated: heavily oiled areas were completely defoliated and moderately oiled areas were "severely" defoliated. In lightly oiled areas trees had less leaf damage and recovered rapidly.

"Overall the extent of damage in each of the studied locations, and the speed with which it occurred, has correlated to the oiling classification assigned in the first survey." Finally, the veracity of the original recommendation of "no cleanup" was supported: injury to mangrove trees was restricted to those initially impacted by moderate to heavy oiling.

Source: "Oil spills in mangroves: Planning and response considerations." National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, 2002

Responses of mangrove forests to oil spills

Stage	Observed Impact
Acute	
0 - 15 days	• Deaths of birds, fish, invertebrates
15 - 30 days	• Defoliation and death of small (<1 m) mangroves • Loss of aerial root community
Chronic	
30 days - 1 year	• Defoliation and death of medium (<3 m) mangroves • Tissue damage to aerial roots
1 year - 5 years	• Death of larger (>3 m) mangroves • Loss of aerial roots • Regrowth of roots (sometimes deformed) • Recolonization of oiled areas by new seedlings
1 year - 10 years?	• Reduction in litter fall • Reduced reproduction • Reduced seedling survival • Death or reduced growth of recolonizing trees • Increased insect damage?
10 - 50 years?	Complete recovery

SOURCE: "OIL SPILLS IN MANGROVES: PLANNING AND RESPONSE CONSIDERATIONS." NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION, 2002

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Moro rebels reject call for jihad

COTABATO CITY—THE MORO ISLAMIC LIBERAtion Front (MILF) said it was not bound to heed the call of one of the 9/11 terrorists for a jihad in Mindanao.

Saying it was waging a legitimate rebellion for the good of the Moro people, MILF leaders said what Wael al-Shihr wanted was plain terrorism.

Al-Shihr, one of the terrorists that slammed a commercial plane into the World Trade Center, had said Muslims should wage a jihad or holy war by stepping up attacks on vulnerable targets.

The call was aired by the Qatar-based al-Jazeera television network on Friday, according to wire reports.

"So if jihad is not now, then when will it be?...." Al-Shihr said in Arabic.

But Eid Kabalu, MILF spokesperson, said terrorists like Al-Shihr should not involve Muslim groups such as the MILF.

"Mind your own business. We have our own plans and programs. No one can dictate on us what to do," he said.

Kabalu also said there was no way the MILF would engage in unprovoked attacks against legitimate military targets especially now that it has been talking peace with the government.

"We did not commit terrorism in the past, we do not use terrorism now to achieve our goal or will we ever do it in the near future," he said.

Kabalu said terrorism and jihad greatly differ because before a jihad is committed, there are certain criteria to follow.

These include the fight against invasion of property and curtailment of the rights of the people.

He also said that jihad is not only about waging war against oppressors as jihad can also be waged against one's self.

"Fighting temptation is also one form of jihad," Kabalu said.

Ghadzali Jaafar, MILF political affairs chief, said Al-Shihr's call should simply be ignored.

"We only wage jihad if it is for the good of the majority," he said.

The MILF is battling reports that it was providing safe haven to terror suspects in its territories in Mindanao.

Ongoing talks in Kuala Lumpur are focused on territories, but these failed to strike an agreement.

"Both panels failed to reach a formula on how they can address the issue on territory that will be included in the future Bangsamoro territory," Eid Kabalu told the INQUIRER by phone.

Press Secretary Ignacio Bunye also confirmed that he received the same information.

Bunye said government chief negotiator Silvestre Afable told him about the "continuing impasse on the territorial issue."

But Kabalu said the deadlock would not dampen the MILF's resolve to negotiate for a settlement to the decades-old Bangsamoro rebellion.

"We will continue to attend the negotiations," he said. *Jeoffrey Maitem, Inquirer Mindanao*

POSTER GIRLS Two elderly women from Kiangan, Ifugao pose for a photograph during the town's Bakle rice harvest and thanksgiving festival. The festival drew foreign tourists who marvelled at the town's arts and crafts.
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Longest 'longganisa' in Baguio

BAGUIO CITY—The Department of Tourism and the city's hotels and restaurants will parade the longest *longganisa* (sausage) made in Baguio to draw tourists on Sept. 30. DOT Cordillera director Purificacion Molintas said the "Longest Baguio Original Longganisa," which is expected to measure at more than 1 km, would be presented in a street parade on Session Road. Anthony de Leon, president of the Hotels and Restaurants Association of Baguio, said the activity will not try to break any record but will promote the Baguio longganisa as another tourism item. The sausage, which will use about 500 kg of ground meat, will be produced by the Albanza meat store, one of the oldest meat shops in city. Molintas said the parade is one of the highlights of the celebration of tourism month here.

Desiree Caluza and Donna Demetillo, Inquirer Northern Luzon

Small town lottery in Negros Occidental

BACOLOD CITY—Several towns and cities in Negros Occidental are to start small town lottery operations this month, Romualdo Quiñones, manager of the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office's Special Project Department, said Friday. Quiñones said the PCSO board had approved STL operations throughout the province, but was still assessing the preparedness of the locality and if the requirements are met. The PCSO has granted Super Lucky Beagler Inc. the authority to run the lottery, he said. The Bacolod Diocese and the majority in the provincial board are opposing the entry of STL, while most of the mayors are in favor of it.

Carla P. Gomez, Inquirer Visayas

Cavite cop chief kills nabbed suspect

CAMP VICENTE LIM, Laguna—For the second time, the chief of the Dasmariñas, Cavite Municipal Police Office saved the life of one of his men after he shot dead a suspected robber who tried to shoot a rookie policeman after grabbing his service firearm early Tuesday. In a report, Dasmariñas police chief Supt. Mario Reyes said suspect Andre Andrade, 26, a resident of Barangay Paliparan died from bullet wounds in his body while being rushed to a nearby hospital. He said he and three of his men were on a follow-up operation on board their patrol car along the Congressional Road moments after they arrested the suspect at around 1:30 a.m. to look for his cohort. While in the area, they spotted three suspicious-looking men aboard a motorcycle. Reyes said as they disembarked from the car to check on the motorcycle-riding men, the suspect allegedly grabbed the service pistol of PO1 Michael Santos, which prompted the latter to shoot back and defend ourselves.

Marlon Ramos, Inquirer Southern Luzon

Marian pilgrimage to Lipa

DEVOTEES from different parts of the country will congregate in Lipa City on Tuesday for the Third National Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Mary, Mediatrix of all Grace, according to a news release. An invitation "Let us go to Mary" issued by Archbishop Angel N. Lagdameo, president of the Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines supported the call for conversion, consecration and reparation in this national prayer event at the Lipa Carmel in Batangas. Cebu Archbishop Cardinal Ricardo Vidal will celebrate the Mass, which will conclude the daylong pilgrimage. For details, call (043) 7565590, 09209148330.

Masbate mayor dies

LEGAZPI CITY—The mayor of San Jacinto, Masbate was electrocuted Wednesday while bathing at around 7 a.m., said Masbate provincial information officer Jim Ibañez. Mayor Aries Espinosa, the son of Masbate Rep. Vida Espinosa and Rep. Tito Espinosa who died in an ambush on Commonwealth Avenue, Quezon City, in 1995, was already dead when brought to the Masbate Colleges Hospital. "I have received reports that the heater in his bath tub had a short circuit. Others said a hair dryer fell into the tub while he was taking a bath."

Ephraim Aguilar, Inquirer Southern Luzon

RP eagle survives bullet wound

DAVAO CITY—A JUvenile Philippine Eagle (*Pithecophaga jefferyi*) survived a bullet wound in the back of its head.

The eagle, which was recovered in Bukidnon, is now undergoing treatment at the Philippine Eagle Foundation (PEF) in Malagos, Baguio District here.

The young eagle was recovered by three volunteer guards monitoring the Mt. Kitanglad Protected Area in Bukidnon on Wednesday morning, according to Felix Mirasol, Malaybalay Community Environment and Natural Resources Officer.

Mirasol, also Mt. Kitanglad Protected Area superintendent, said it was volunteer Jelson Digbas who saw the eagle being kept in a cage in a house in Barangay Kaatuan in Lantapan, Bukidnon.

Rheyda Hinlo, PEF veterinarian, said X-ray tests revealed an air gun pellet lodged under the eagle's skin in the back of its head.

But she said another test would still be made to determine if the eagle's skull did not suffer any damage.

Mirasol said to prevent a similar attack on eagles, new policies should be drafted. *Joselle Badilla, Inquirer Mindanao*

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Slain rob suspects' kin told: File raps

CAMP OLIVAS, PAMPANGA—THE TOP POlice official in Central Luzon on Saturday urged those alleging a rubout in the death of six suspected highway robbers in Bulacan to file a formal complaint at the police or the courts.

Chief Supt. Ismael Rafanan, regional police director, said that was the only way policemen in Baliuag town could properly answer the allegations or undergo an investigation.

"They need to answer in a proper forum, in a legal way," Rafanan told the INQUIRER.

He said he was not relieving Supt. Jolly Dizon, Baliuag police chief, until there was a strong basis to do that.

The relatives of the slain suspects— identified in a report in this regional police camp as Hinorio Simbulan, Jason Ramos, Luvidino Gonzales, Renato Balajadia, Daniel Piosca and Florentino Mallari Jr.—insisted they were innocent and not involved in any criminal activities.

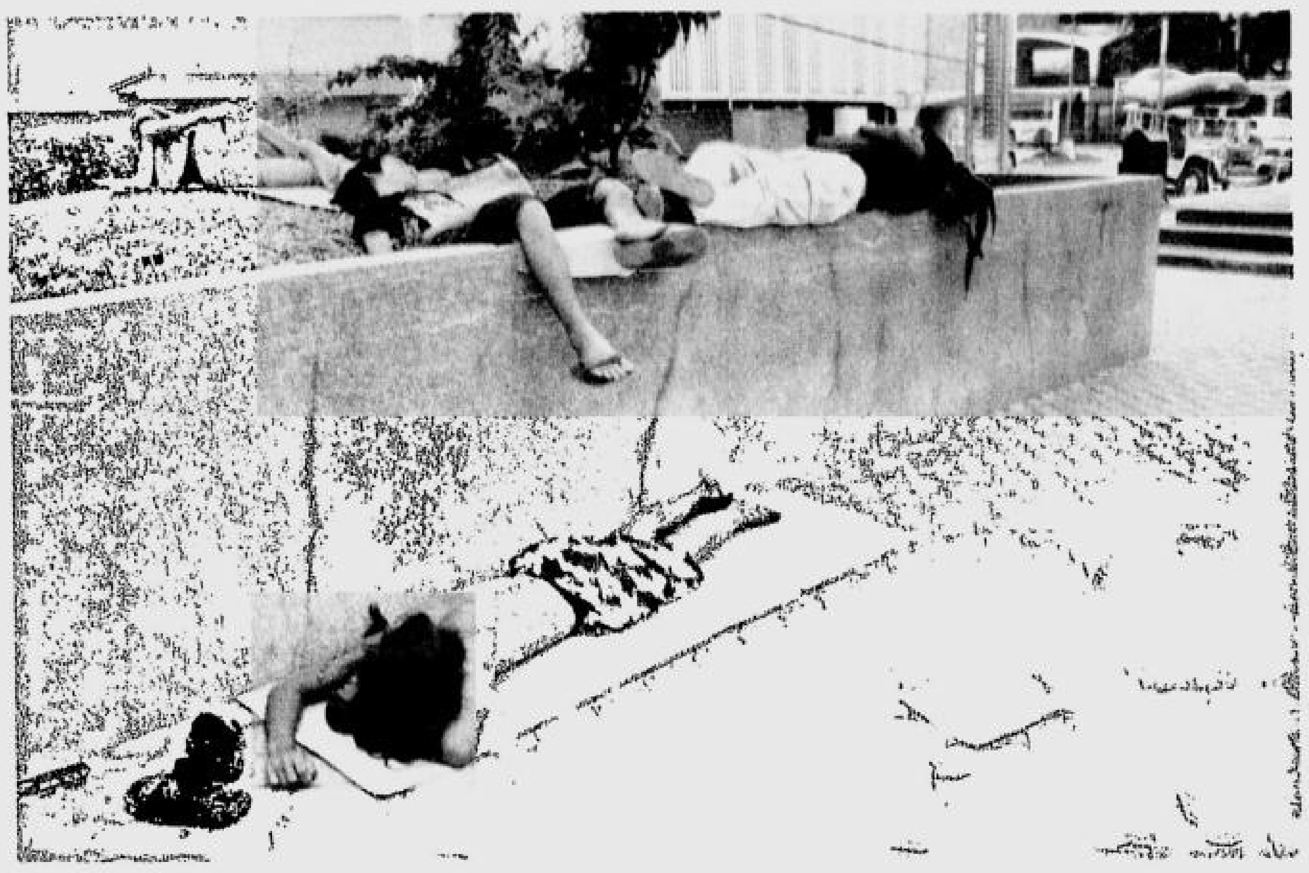
But the police said the slain men belonged to the "Shotgun Robbery Group" that was said to be behind the series of robberies in Baliuag since last year.

Gonzales, who turned out to be Leovino Legaspi, 66, was a retired sheriff at the Bulacan Regional Trial Court.

He was among those killed in the supposed clash at the Janet's Videoke Bar on Tuesday night. Witnesses said no gunfight occurred, claiming that policemen just shot the suspects.

Senior Supt. Abelardo Villacorta, operations chief of the regional police, said based on Dizon's reports, the policemen fired when Simbulan, the leader of the group, began to shoot them and refused to surrender peacefully.

Tonette Orejas, Inquirer Central Luzon



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Homeless children who call the streets of Cagayan de Oro City their home find rest at a park in the city.

White shrimp culture opens up idle farms

DAGUPAN CITY—THE COMMERCIAL EXPERImentation of vannamei (*Penaues vannamei*) has opened idle and abandoned prawn farms in Luzon which used to culture tiger prawns (*Peneaus monodon*) until the industry was devastated by diseases 10 years ago.

Westly Rosario, interim executive director of the National Fisheries Research and Development Institute, said 33 farmers with an average of 10 hectares of fish farm have been accredited for the farm experimentation of vannamei. Twenty five of the accredited farmers are already producing vannamei on commercial scale.

"We are aware of the negative impression on vannamei, but we should help the aquaculture industry. Besides we have a protocol to prevent diseases from coming into the culture areas," Rosario, also chief of the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR) here, said.

"The growers are making good, profit wise," he said. About P120 is needed (for post larvae, fertilizer, feeds, labor, etc.) to produce a kilo of vannamei which sells at P250-P300.

The main objective of the experiment was to analyze the acceptability and efficiency of vannamei as a product for hatchery and grow-out shrimp production.

Vannamei, now widely cultured in many Asian countries, is still banned in the country except for experiment purposes. "But we are working on the lifting of the ban," Rosario said.

For the experimental grow-out, BFAR accredited farms in Luzon only.

Rosario said fish farmers in the Visayas and Mindanao are doing well in the production of tiger prawns and are opposing the culture of vannamei.

Vannamei is a hardy species compared to tiger prawns. It is also easier to raise vannamei even at high stocking density.

A hectare farm stocked with 100,000 post larvae shrimps (extensive culture) can earn a net of P124,120 in a culture season of 100 days.

One of those who have benefited from the experimental culture of vannamei is Teofilo Rivera, a former provincial board member of Bulacan who owns farms in Zambales. *Yolanda Sotelo-Fuertes, Inquirer Northern Luzon*

80-ft Mary statue planned in Baguio

BAGUIO CITY—THIS RESORT CITY PLANS to do a Rio de Janeiro with the construction of an 80-foot statue of the Virgin Mary atop Mt. Sto. Tomas, the highest peak here.

Fr. Seraph Balmendras, parish priest of Barangay Aurora Hill here, said the statue of the Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, which had its groundbreaking Friday, costs P5 million. Local sculptors will be commissioned to work on it starting January next year.

Balmendras said the statue, which will stand on a 20-foot pedestal, might be smaller than the famous Christ the Redeemer's statue in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, which is 100 feet and stands on a 20-foot pedestal, but it would be standing on higher ground.

The statue of Virgin Mary will stand at a clearing atop the 2,072.64-meter (6,800 feet) Mt. Sto. Tomas. The Corcovado peak, where Rio's Christ statue stands, is 701.04 meters (2,300 feet) high.

Balmendras said two huge spotlights would be focused on the statue so it would be visible at night, he said.

He said the statue is designed to be hollow to accommodate a staircase leading to the crown, which will serve as the view deck. The base will serve as a chapel.

A local family donated the 2,000 square meter lot where the statue will stand but a soil analysis was needed to see if the area could withstand its weight.

On a clear day, residents and visitors would see the twin radars of the Voice of America at Sto. Tomas. Recently, telecommunication companies set up their transmission towers also on the mountain. *Frank Cimatu, Inquirer Northern Luzon*

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Hope springs from grandpa's dream

By Germelina A. Lacorte

A LONG TIME AGO, IN A SMALL village in Maguindanao, Bapa ni Bago (the father of Bago) had a dream. A man had asked him to dig up a place in his farm where he can find water.

When he woke up, Bapa ni Bago walked around his property and found the site. He dug the ground and soon discovered a spring.

"In his dream, he was promised plenty of water for his crops. He found it upon waking up," said Nhucky Diocolano, Bapa ni Bago's grandson.

Even at the height of the El Niño weather phenomenon that cast a dry spell on Maguindanao in the 1990s, the spring has never dried up, he said.

Bapa ni Bago's actual name was Hadji Omar Diocolano, who used to live in Sitio Gagawi, Barangay Marquez in Datu Odin Sinsuat town. His eldest son, Bago, is the eldest brother of Nhucky's father. Among the Maguindanao people, the elders assume the name of their eldest son when they reached old age as a gesture of respect, Diocolano explained.

THE SPRING that once appeared in Bapa Bago's dream now provides water for residents of Marquez in Datu Odin Sunsuat, Maguindanao. *(Photo at right)* PHOTO COURTESY OF PEACE EQUITY FOUNDATION

Sharing with community

Since his grandfather's story acquired a legendary semblance, Diocolano has lived up to his name by sharing the spring water with the whole community. Recently, he donated a 20-square-meter portion of the spring area for a project that will provide access to drinking water to barangays Taviran and Marguez.

The donation serves as the local counterpart for a P5.6-million potable water system project, funded by the Peace Equity Foundation (PEF) and carried out by the Kadtabanga Foundation of PDAs Inc. (Kadtabanga).

Kadtabanga is composed of former Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF) rebels who have become peace development advocates (PDAs) helping conflict-torn communities get back on their feet after the signing of the 1996 peace pact between the MNLF and the government.

Both Marguez, a copra-producing village, and Taviran, which survives on fishing and farming, do not have ready access to potable water, said Diocolano.

Each Taviran household spends over P1,000 a month or 30 percent of its total income on water, said Kusain Amino, a community organizer.

Workshop

"In Barangay Marguez, people have to walk half a kilometer to fetch water from a spring," Diocolano said. "It's very difficult for the women, who are doing all the work at home, while the men are in the farm. It's the women who have to fetch water."

But it was not until an Oxfam-funded workshop organized by Kadtabanga that people from the two villages realized a common need.

The potable water system will supply water to over 600 households, said Hadja Giojay Diocolano, Kadtabanga executive director.

Later, community leaders, who attended a PEF-sponsored workshop, drew up the project proposal and eventually got a P4.4-million funding for it from the foundation.

Khanappi "Sony" Ayao, a former MNLF commander, said the amount had been the biggest ever released to Mindanao for a potable water system project. "We want to shatter the belief that Moro communities could not handle and manage a project this big," he said.

UN praise

After the MNLF signed the peace pact with the government, former rebel soldiers were tapped for development efforts to rebuild the war-stricken communities. Among them were members of Kadtabanga, which was recently cited by the United Nations Acts for Peace Programme as among the most successful PDA groups in Mindanao.

Diocolano said key to restoring the confidence in the communities was to get the people involved in solving their own problems.

Organizing is crucial, said Oting Agting, a peace and development advocate in Taviran. People have to start believing in their own capacities first, she said.

The villagers were involved in implementing the water system project, from the purchase of materials to the digging of trenches for the pipes, said Diocolano.

"Once they feel they own the project, they will see to it that they take care and protect it," said Ayao.

Clan cooperation

Most of the residents are relatives and members of the same clan, so, it was not difficult for them to cooperate, explained Amino.

The local government has also been very supportive, said Diocolano.

Now, skilled workers are working doubletime to finish the project before the Islamic holy month of Ramadan.

"This project means so much to us," said Edris Macalapin, Taviran councilman, and vice chair of the Joint Water Committee created to manage the project. "People can save a lot of money once the water system is installed."

"They don't have to fetch water from the spring anymore. They will have more time to do more productive things," Diocolano said.

"Their involvement in this small project will open their eyes to the many great things they can do together, if only they begin to trust themselves and believe," Macalapin added.

For Nhucky Diocolano, the spring that his grandfather found has always been there as far as he could remember.

But now, its natural water promises not only to quench the thirst of his people but also to bring back their trust in community action.

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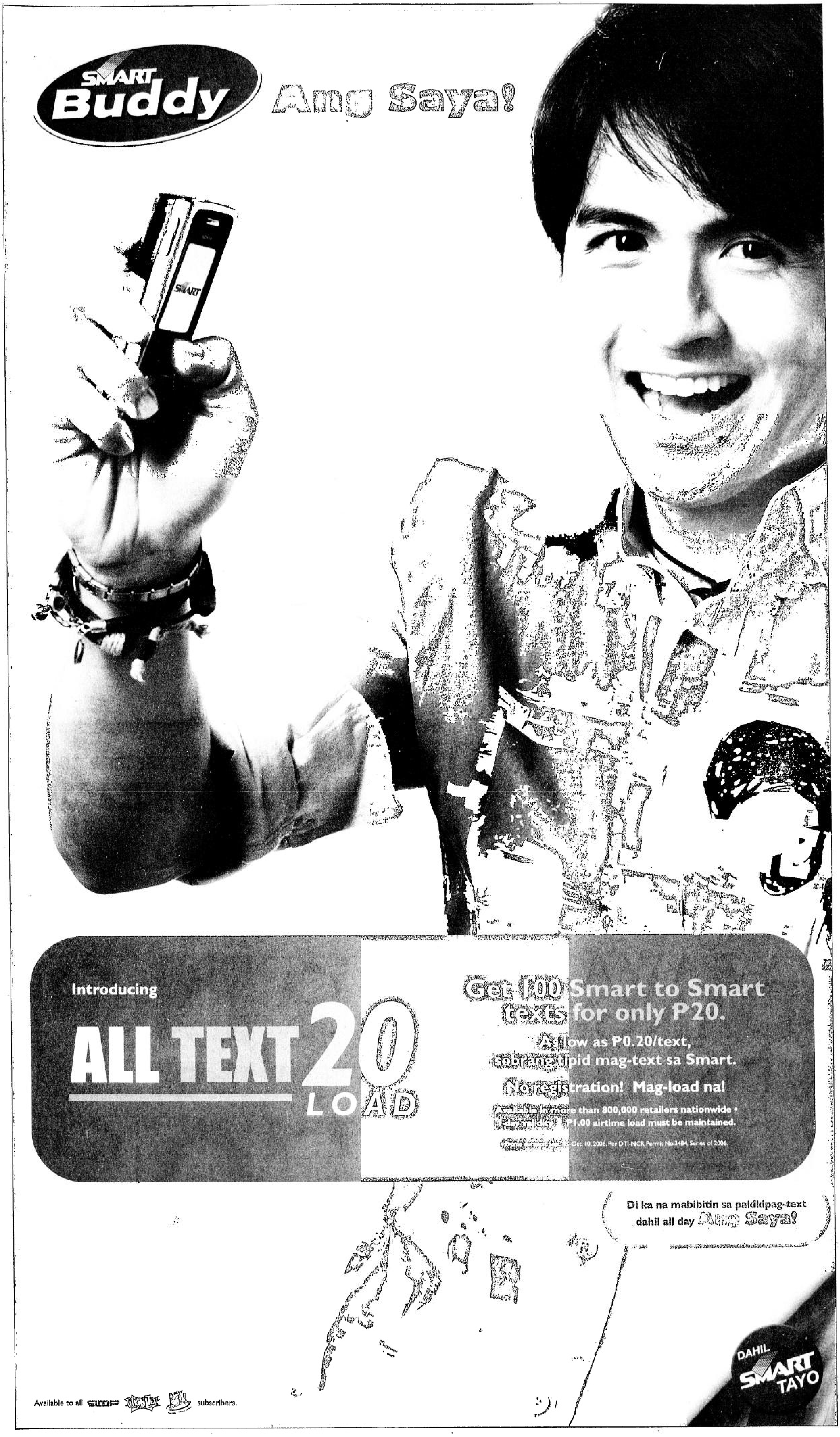

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Crossing the channel just child's play for 5-year-old boy

By Jocelyn R. Uy

WHILE MOST KIDS HIS AGE play video games or run around on the playground, five-year-old Justin Junio spends a lot of time in the pool as part of his training to become the world's youngest swimmer to cross a channel.

Justin will attempt to cross the Mactan Channel next month during the Kadaugan sa Mactan (Victory in Mactan)—an annual fiesta in Lapu-Lapu City, Cebu—which commemorates the historic battle of Mactan.

According to the boy's father, retired Air Force colonel Florencio Junio, the idea was hatched after he read about Braxton Bildrey, the seven-year-old boy from Arizona who swam across the 1.4 mile (2.25 kilometer) stretch from Alcatraz Island to San Francisco, California in May.

At first impression, crossing a channel may seem a difficult task

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JUSTIN learned to swim before he could walk. PHOTOS: RODEL ROTONI

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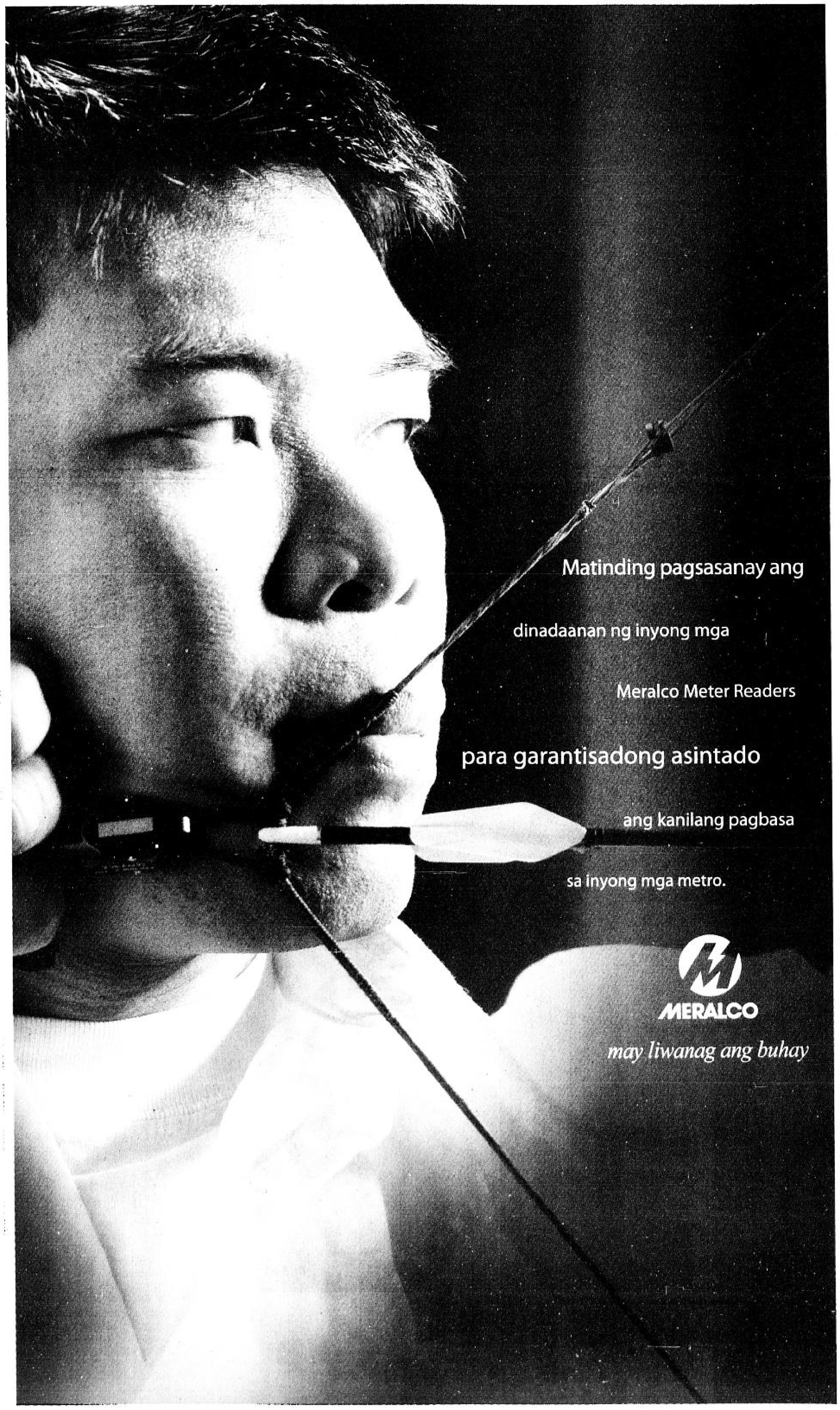

DOH names dengue-hit areas in metropolis

By Tina G. Santos

THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (DOH) HAS IDENTIFIED the areas in Metro Manila where a clustering of dengue cases has been reported.

Clustering means two or three cases have been reported in the last two to four weeks.

The areas include:

- Libis, Talisay, Lapu-Lapu-Maypajo, Julian Felipe-Sangandaan and Phases 4, 7, 8, and 9 in Bagong Silang in Caloocan
- Acacia, Catmon, Longos, Potrero and Tonsuya in Malabon
- Oroquieta-Sta Cruz, Quiricada-Sta Cruz, New Antipolo, Hermosa-Tondo and F. Varona-Tondo in Manila
- Bayanan, Putatan in Muntinlupa
- Dagat-Dagatan, Tangos and Tanza in Navotas
- Moonwalk and Sucat in Parañaque
- Maybunga in Pasig
- Tatalon, Tandang Sora, San Bartolome, Payatas, Masambong, Loyola Heights, Holy Spirit, Gulod-Novaliches, Cubao, Commonwealth, Manresa, Batasan Hills and Bagbag in Quezon City
- Maharlika Village in Taguig and
- Ugong, Marulas, Malinta, Karuhatan, Lawang Bato, Gen. T. De Leon and Bigna in Valenzuela.

Clustering of dengue cases have also been reported in Calasiao and Dagupan City in Pangasinan; Baliwag, Marilao, Meycauyan, Sta Maria and San Jose Del Monte in Bulacan; Taytay in Rizal; Dumaguete City, Mabinay, Manjuyod, Tanjay and Bais in Negros Oriental and Itogon in Benguet.

A health official, meanwhile, warned the public against taking aspirin to counter fever suspected to have been caused by dengue-carrying mosquitoes.

"Aspirin will make things worse if you're suffering from dengue because it will thin your blood. Dengue already thins your blood so you'll bleed more if you take aspirin," said Dr. Eric Tayag, officer-in-charge of the DOH National Epidemiology Center.

He added that people who have a running temperature of 38 Celsius or higher for at least two to three days should see a doctor at once.

"Parents should bring their children to a doctor immediately after noticing such symptoms," he said.

Tayag added that the health department has already ordered hospitals to set up express lanes for patients suspected to have dengue.

"The express lanes are for faster case management and treatment. All suspected cases should be brought immediately to the nearest health facility so they can be checked at once," he said.

The DOH has taken a new approach to stopping dengue, taking preventive steps at the barangay level, the official said.

According to Health Secretary Dr. Francisco Duque III, the "search and destroy" approach is effective in fighting dengue.

"This operation is inexpensive because it will only require the demolition of all possible Aedes Aegypti breeding places that include old tires, coconut husks, roof gutters, discarded bottles, flower vases and all stagnant, clean water," he said in a statement.

Some 13,468 cases have been recorded from Jan. 1 to Aug. 29 this year. Of the total cases, 167 led to the patient's death.

2 Pasay mayors face off on Monday

By Jocelyn R. Uy

TWO MAYORS WILL BE ATTENDING TOMORROW'S flag-raising ceremony at Pasay City Hall.

According to Manny Aun, the city's public information office head, Mayor Wenceslao "Peewee" Trinidad, will appear at the ceremony which will be led for the first time by acting Mayor Allan Panaligan.

Trinidad was ordered suspended for six months by the Office of the Ombudsman for entering into allegedly anomalous contracts for the collection and disposal of garbage. Suspended with him were Vice Mayor Antonio Calixto and 10 city councilors.

Only four councilors were spared from the order, among them Panaligan and Arvin Tolentino, the acting vice mayor.

The order was served on Trinidad and the 11 other officials last Wednesday.

Trinidad came to City Hall two days after the order was served to speak to his followers who have been holding nightly vigils to show their support for him.

"He came on Friday to appeal to his followers to go home," Aun told the INQUIRER. Although the crowd agreed to leave City Hall, they vowed to return on Monday.

Meanwhile, Panaligan assured residents that operations at City Hall will return to normal tomorrow.

He also expressed hope that the face to face meeting with Trinidad during the flag ceremony would be peaceful to avoid disrupting work at City Hall.

"The mayor is very welcome to attend the ceremony and I hope our [encounter] will be cordial," he said in an interview over the phone.

Although he has stepped down, Trinidad has appealed his suspension before the Court of Appeals.

"I have always been a gentleman of the first order and when a gentleman draws his sword, he intends to use it. Let my opponents know that this gentleman holds a drawn sword and it shall remain unsheathed from now on. I have survived numerous battles and have never run away from one," the mayor told his supporters last week.

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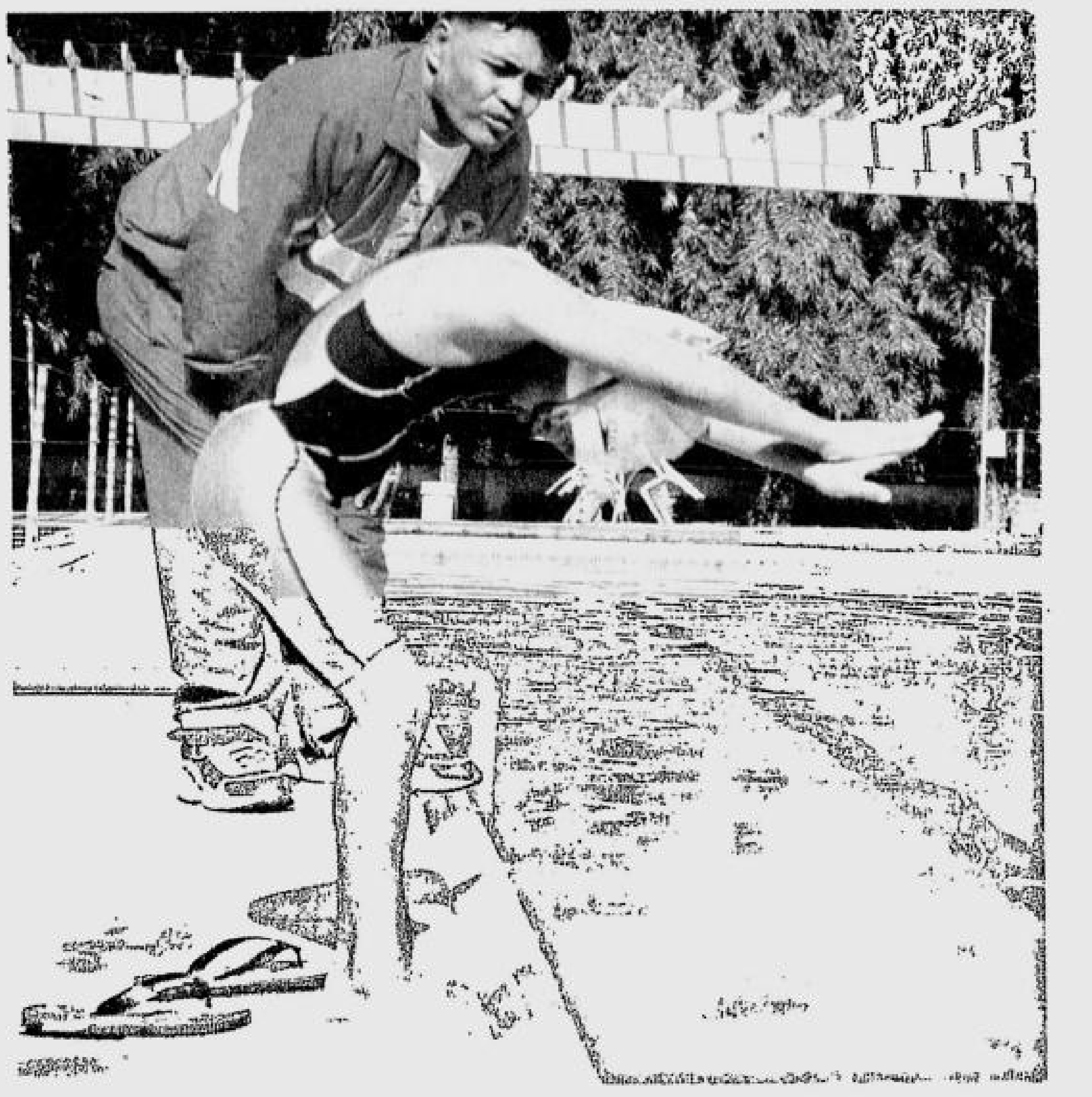

JUSTIN with his trainer, Olympic swimmer Jairulla Jaitulla. "This boy is different," Jaitulla told the INQUIRER. "He cries when we won't let him swim."

Crossing the channel…

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for a five-year-old boy but for Justin, it would be just like a regular playtime activity, his father told the INQUIRER.

"Swimming is playtime for him. He doesn't ask us to bring him to the playground or to the park. He asks us to bring him to the pool," his mother, Velina, added.

Justin will make his attempt on Oct. 8.

Florencio said it will take about two hours to complete the three-kilometer (1.86 miles) swim which will start from the ferry landing in Mactan Island to Mandaue City and back.

Justin learned to swim even before he could walk. He was barely a year old when he suddenly jumped into the swimming pool of the Villamor Golf Club in Pasay City while his mother and siblings were doing laps.

"We were all surprised when he jumped in. But he was able to stay afloat," Velina said.

At that time, his brothers and sisters were training under legendary Olympic swimmer Jairulla "Jai" Jaitulla, who is also a member of the Philippine Air Force (PAF). At that time, their father was assigned in Cebu. When he rejoined his family upon his retirement last April, he was amazed that Justin already knew the four swimming strokes, although crudely.

WILL he make history on Oct. 8?

Future champ

Jaitulla also saw how Justin, as a toddler, dog paddled in the pool. Impressed by the boy's potential, he said he promised Justin's parents that he would train the child when he reached the right age.

"I saw a potential champion in him. Any ordinary kid would be scared of the water. But this boy is different. He cries when we won't let him swim," Jaitulla told the INQUIRER.

Justin started swimming regularly at age two. But he did not undergo formal training just yet because he was still too young to understand instructions, Velina said.

"By the time he finished nursery school, he started swimming lessons. But I had to stop the lessons because he would have tantrums," she added.

Still, she let Justin swim at the golf club where he regularly watched swimmers of the PAF team who held their training sessions there. "He learned the four strokes by imitating them," said Velina.

Camping by the pool

Both mother and son even set up a tent beside the pool at the PAF Golf Club where they ate their lunch and took naps when Justin felt like taking a break from swimming.

"He can swim all day. He never gets tired. When it's time to go home, we sometimes get into a fight because he doesn't want to leave the pool," she related. Last summer, she asked Jaitulla to give Justin formal lessons in swimming.

Swimming was actually what Justin needed so he could have a good night's sleep everyday. "He is a hyperactive child. His doctors have recommended swimming because his energy level is very high. If he doesn't engage in physical activities, he can't sleep at night," his father said.

Justin's sports medicine doctor, Edgar Eufemio, said the Mactan Channel crossing, which would be covered by *Ultimate Pinoy*, a television program on ABC-5, would actually be a good outlet for a "kinesthetic child" like him.

Not an easy task

"I don't think there would be any problem as long as he is aware of what he is doing and there is no pressure on the part of the parents. He's also been swimming longer distances in the pool so it is doable, although not an easy task," Eufemio told the INQUIRER by phone.

Eufemio has also helped Justin's parents form a medical team to look after the boy. Professor Jimbo Saret is his conditioning coach; Dr. Lorna Ramos Abad, his pediatrician; Dr. Lourdes TanTiangco, child development specialist, and Dr. Sanirose Orbeta, his sports nutritionist.

"So there's a whole medical team taking care of him," said Florencio, adding that Air Force commanding general Lt. Gen. Jose Laroza Reyes has also expressed support for Justin's attempt.

Apart from his regular training with Jaitulla, the boy also undergoes occupational therapy where his doctor teaches him to improve his reading and writing skills and lets him jump on a trampoline to lower his high energy level and boost his attention span.

Plane buff

In his spare time though, he draws, play with his Gameboy and identifies various aircraft flying over their house at Villamor Airbase.

"He can easily tell the difference between a C-130 from F2-11 airplanes, MG 520 and Huey helicopters. He can also identify commercial airlines," related Velina.

When the INQUIRER asked Justin what he would like to be when he grows up, he shyly whispered to his father, "a pilot."

Said his mother: "Well, actually, he could be a pilot and a swimmer."

METROBRIEFS

Fake products seized

AGENTS of the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) seized P4.5 million worth of fake designer items during a series of raids on several establishments in Manila and Parañaque City over the weekend. NBI Intellectual Property Rights Division (IPRD) agents seized fake Louis Vuitton bags, wallets and coin purses from Naquita General Merchandise and Bandai Boutique at the Tutuban Center in Tondo, Manila. They also swooped down another store at the Baclaran Supermall and several stalls at the Berma Building on Redemptorist Road in Parañaque City. Charges of unfair competition are being readied against the store owners. *Tina G. Santos*

Librarians' seminar set

THE QUEZON City Librarians Association Inc. will hold a two-day seminar-workshop in line with its goal of uplifting standards of the profession. Lucila Raquino, the association's president said the workshop will be held on Sept. 14-15 at the Juan Sumulong High School on Del Pilar Street, Cubao in Quezon City. Interested librarians, information professionals and specialists may call up Janet Alday at 9279834 or Rory Veloso of ABC-5 at 9362551 local 325.

Training courses offered

THE CENTER for Hospitality Arts Management Philippines (CHAMP), a training institution which caters to those who want to develop their skills in the global hospital industry, is now accepting applicants. Its competency-based curriculum—with 70 percent of learning devoted to hands-on training—has equipped its students with the potential to land paid apprenticeship programs in Singapore and Australia. CHAMP offers a one-year certificate in hotel and restaurant operations, a two-year diploma program in hospitality management and a certificate of competency (an abbreviated course for specific areas of skills like housekeeping, front office, food and beverage, cooking, barista training, baking, and bartending. Classes are held at the CHAMP International Hostel on Kamias Road, Quezon City. CHAMP will start processing applicants on Sept. 11 while classes will start in October. For inquiries, call 9282641 and 9281246 or e-mail champ@cravingsgroup.com.

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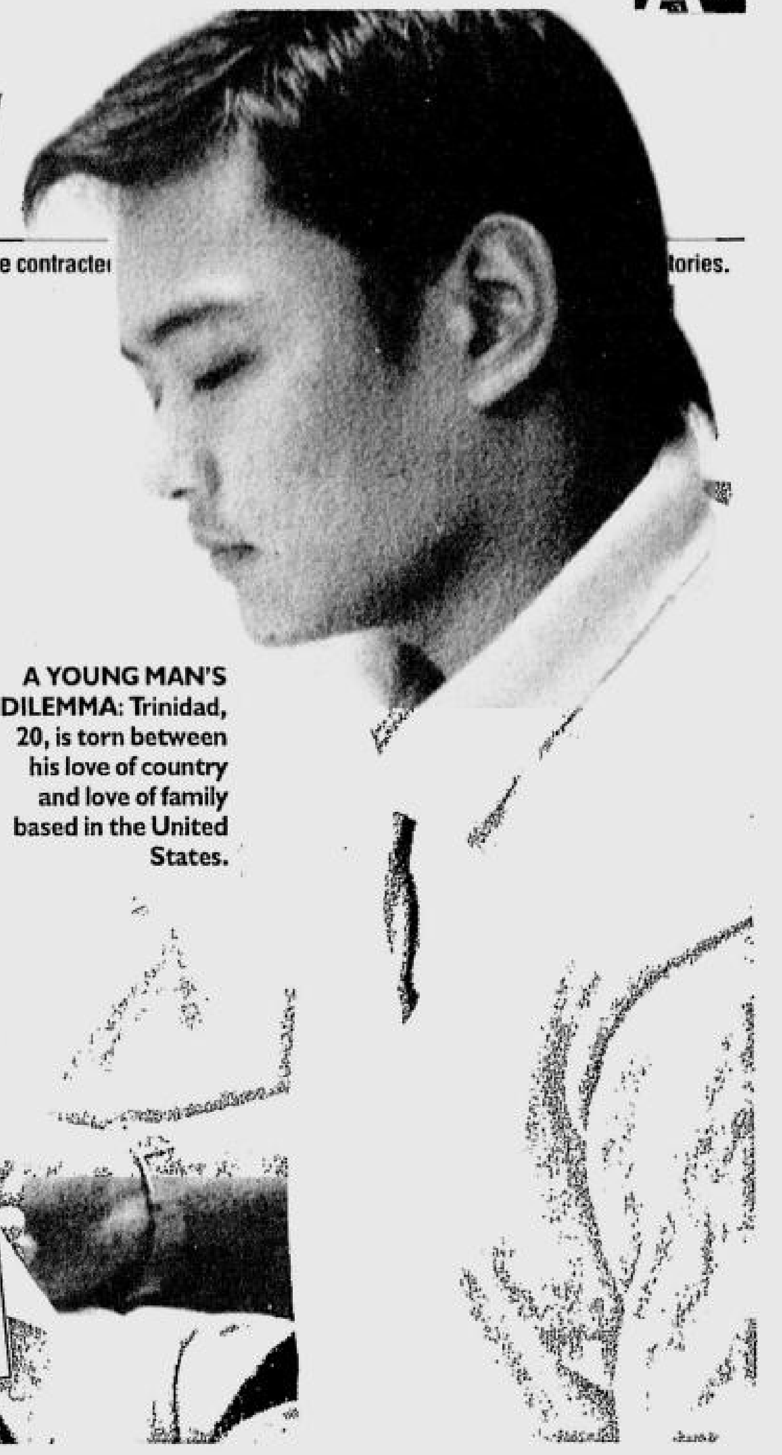
This section is dedicated to Filipinos overseas toiling on land and at sea, in factories, in construction sites and in the homes of the world, and wherever work can be contracte tories.

I come from a family of nurses in the US


A YOUNG MAN'S DILEMMA: Trinidad, 20, is torn between his love of country and love of family based in the United States.

By Ryan Trinidad
Contributor

MY FAMILY IS A bunch of medical practitioners. When we have a reunion, our neighbors say, we look like hospital staff having a Christmas party.

But the reunion seems to perpetually serve only as an invitation to other family members to reach for the American dream. It will probably not be long before we hold our reunion in the United States.

It was in the early '70s when a member of the family decided to leave the country to serve in the United States Navy. My grandmother's brother, Ernesto, was the first to migrate in search of a better life in the States.

That decision would lead to the continued exodus of members of my family.

Before the decade ended, another brother of my grandmother's, Emer, an engineer, left. He and Ernesto became American citizens.

In the '80s, my great grandparents Anastacia and Ramon, and their youngest child, Elvira, followed suit. Another group of relatives left shortly.

They were followed by another group in the late '90s.

They are all living in Maryland, working as nurses or doctors.

Out of the seven siblings, only my grandmother Edith remains in the country. She was a nurse supervisor for the Department of Health in Region III and was a dedicated government employee. She retired only a couple of years ago.

My grandfather Ricardo was director of the Department of Health, also in Region III.

Their dedication inspired most members of the family to go into medicine or nursing.

Despite offers of better salaries abroad, my grandparents chose to stay in the country.

FAMILY REUNION in Maryland, 2002: The writer's relatives, from left: grandmother Emma Vicente, parents Tess and Ederic Trinidad, aunt Che-Che Trinidad, grandmother Anastacia Meneses, uncle Emmanuel Vicente, uncle Eric Cabling, uncle Joy Trinidad, aunt Agnes Quemuel, grandmother Linda Quemuel, and grandmother Elvie Cabling.

But their children and grandchildren seem to have other ideas.

They have five—Rose, Bong, Joy, Jane and Che. One is a doctor and another one is a nurse.

Of the 11 grandchildren, two are studying to be nurses, one is already a nurse, and one is about to take up nursing. I am taking up law-MBA at the De La Salle Professional School in Makati. Before that, I took political science, not nursing, at UST, hoping to break free from the family tradition of migrating to the US.

My brother Jerven, a nurse, was planning to enroll in medicine but decided to go abroad instead. He is now reviewing for his NCLEX (National Council of State Boards of Nursing examinations).

A few years back, my Tita Jane and her family moved to Nevada to work as nurses. My Tita Che, a doctor, is set to take the NCLEX next month.

The younger generation in my family is also focused on how they can go abroad as nurses in the hope of a better life.

In their minds, a bright future seems possible only in the US.

So I am beginning to ask what lies ahead for me. Should I go or should I stay? I will probably cross the bridge when I get there …

No cakewalk

Starting life in the US was not easy, requiring a lot of adjustments.

Tita Jane's first job was in a call center while her husband was a baccarat dealer in a casino. While here she was the boss, there she was an employee who was considered inferior. "*Sa Pilipinas* Class A *kami, pero dito* Class C *kami*," she once said.

Passing the NCLEX opened the path to a better career for my Tita Jane. She was immediately employed in a hospital.

At work, she realized the value of close family ties in the Philippines, as she saw the impersonality of people, even with the sick.

At present, she's enjoying her new house and new car. Slowly, she is working to regain the status she enjoyed in the Philippines.

One question immigrants ask before they leave the country is: "What's out there?"

In the case of my family, they had to overcome the uncertainties an immigrant encountered upon reaching their destination. Since, they were new in the community, they began with almost nothing—no work, no property, no friends, a complete stranger in the neighborhood.

But Filipinos have a great capacity to adapt, enabling them to overcome their fears.

My *titos* and *titas* overcame theirs by working to get to know the people around them. They were sociable and eager to become part of the community. They sought the help, and got the support, of other family members who were already there.

Techie cure

They coped with homesickness with the help of new technology—telephones, internet, even text messaging.

My Tita Jane calls us almost every day. My relatives in Maryland use the internet—chatrooms, e-mail, even friendster, as well as text messaging. We are always in contact with each other.

What is most painful, of course, is when parents have to leave their children.

My family is no exception. My "Titay," a sister of my grandmother's, decided to return to the Philippines to be with her children.

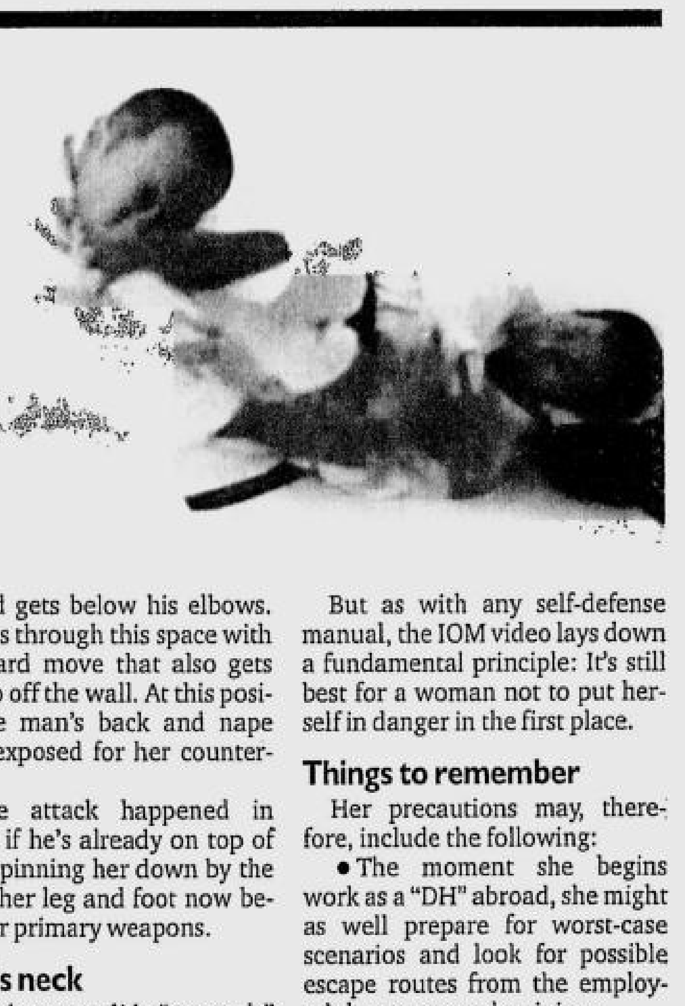
She said she could not stay in the US without her children. "*Araw-araw, bago ako matulog, pagkagising ko, bawat kilos ko, naiisip ko sila … Ang hirap, hindi ko kaya yung ganun kalayo sa kanila.*"

Prayer has become the ultimate coping strategy for loneliness. Every time we miss our relatives who are abroad, we call on the Lord to bless them and keep them safe. We entrust to God the health and fate of our relatives abroad.

I sometimes wonder if we really want to go to the States, or is it just the longing for family members that makes us follow them there? If the answer is yes, are Filipinos not nationalistic that they can give up the country for family? What is more valuable to a Filipino, love of country or love of family?

Trinidad is one of the five core members of Voice, a campaign to attract young men and women to register and vote in the next elections.

WITH the right blows, a woman can repel an employer's sexual advances, a video produced by the International Organization for Migration shows.



How to break free from a would-be rapist

By Volt Contreras

"I FELT EXTREMELY UNCOMfortable. He even told me that I smelled good. Inside my mind I really wanted to slap his face. But I managed to hold back my anger. I was afraid to upset him and lose my job."

That was "Maria" thinking aloud while at work in the kitchen—and feeling the hand of her male employer stroking her hair. Days later he finally invaded her bedroom …

The scene leads to that of another woman—a karate expert—showing how Maria, despite her inferior strength, can break loose from a man's embrace, knock him down under three seconds with a few, well-aimed blows, and complete her escape from a potential rapist.

Maria is actually a true-to-life character in a 30-minute video that teaches migrant women workers, especially domestic helpers, basic self-defense. The video is a project of the International Organization for Migration in cooperation with the Overseas Workers Welfare Administration.

IOM's Manila office and Owwa have been making headlines lately undertaking the mass evacuation of Filipino domestic helpers from war-torn Lebanon. But back in 2004 when the video was released, the two agencies partnered to deal with another kind of war that likewise ravages an alarming number of migrant women of any nationality.

Sexual attack

The instructional material gives personal safety tips and other reminders for women headed overseas for jobs that are highly vulnerable to abuse or exploitation.

While it explains a migrant worker's rights and legal recourse when in distress, the video mainly demonstrates how she can best think and act at the very moment of sexual attack.

Maria in her silent rage, for example, may be thinking of slapping her employer. But as shown in the karate lessons, with enough mental and physical preparation she can put up a more forceful defense and counterattack.

If the man (who is presumably taller) comes from behind to wrap his arms around her, she can jerk her head upwards so that her tough crown would hit his mouth, nose, or chin. This first of a three-strike maneuver ought to unlock his arms.

A quick sidestep would bring her into position to hit him in the groin. A third strike to his chin, while he is still bent over from the first two blows, could push him further away and give Maria her best chance to run.

Grab his finger

In another scenario, she can break up the same kind of embrace by just grabbing one of his fingers—preferably the pinky—and turn it on its joint to near breakage. She shouldn't let go of the finger even after his arms had released her; she can keep him twisting in pain until she can give him a parting kick, again, to the groin.

In case of a frontal embrace, Maria's opportunity to immobilize her attacker would literally be staring at her. The human face has vulnerable "vital points" which, with even a slight press here or a pull there, could be the source of extreme pain.

She can prick the eyeballs or press her fingertips hard on the sockets, punch his ear or choke the throat, or claw at his ears, mouth or nostrils.

"If you have the strength equivalent to that of a sixth grader, it will suffice (for these moves)," according to a supplemental manual accompanying the video.

Punch with the palm heel

Since a woman, untrained in bare-hand combat at that, might only hurt her knuckles or wrist if she hits back with a closed fist, it is suggested that she throw "punches" with the palm heel (the bony area below the palm), the hand's back, or its "chopping" side. The latter method is usually faster to execute and less likely to slip or bend upon impact.

Shouting or screaming may deter the attacker and also help raise a woman's adrenalin level and generate extra power, but she is advised to assess her situation first. Make sure there's still enough distance between her and the attacker, and that there would be other people who could hear. Otherwise screaming might only drive him to strangle or hit her.

Bend your knees

If the woman is already pressed between the man's body and a wall, her better evasive tactic is not to push him back but to bend her knees so she can slide her body downward.

There will be an opening once her head gets below his elbows. She takes through this space with a sideward move that also gets her torso off the wall. At this position, the man's back and nape will be exposed for her countermoves.

If the attack happened in bed—or if he's already on top of her and pinning her down by the wrists—her leg and foot now become her primary weapons.

Kick his neck

First, she must slide "upwards" so that his head would end up somewhere over her abdomen. She now has room to lift a leg and swing it over his arm: A familiar wrestling move that leads to an immobilizing arm-lock. From here, using the lifted foot, she can give him a kick to the head or neck.

Reminder: The woman's aim is not to injure the attacker but create an opportunity to escape.

If it becomes clear early on that any of these counterattacks would be ineffective against the man's brute strength and ferocity, she can use "psychological techniques" that could either confuse him or ruin his desire to pursue the attack.

She can pretend she had cardiac arrest or that she had gone crazy.

But as with any self-defense manual, the IOM video lays down a fundamental principle: It's still best for a woman not to put herself in danger in the first place.

Things to remember

Her precautions may, therefore, include the following:

- The moment she begins work as a "DH" abroad, she might as well prepare for worst-case scenarios and look for possible escape routes from the employer's house or condominium.
- Keep the addresses or contact numbers of places where she can run to.
- Set aside money at any time for emergency telephone calls or transportation.
- Make copies of all documents (passports and work visa).
- Be aware of common household items that can be used as "weapons" in case of an attack, like kitchen utensils, pens, hair brush, air sprays. During a chase around the house, broken glass on the floor may slow down a barefooted attacker.
- Trust her instincts to sense impending danger. Among the warning signs may be the way the would-be attacker talks or stares at her.

The WORLD

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No Saddam-Qaida link, US Senate says

WASHINGTON—THE CIA LAST FALL REPUDIATED the claim that there were prewar ties between Saddam Hussein's government and an operative of al-Qaida, Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, according to a report issued on Friday by the Senate Intelligence Committee.

The disclosure undercuts continuing assertions by the Bush administration that such ties existed, and that they provided evidence of links between Iraq and al-Qaida. The Republican-controlled committee also sharply criticized the administration for its reliance on the Iraqi National Congress during the prelude to the war in Iraq.

The findings, in two new reports, are part of an ongoing inquiry by the committee into prewar intelligence about Iraq. The conclusions went beyond its earlier findings, issued in the summer of 2004, by including criticism not just of American intelligence agencies but also of the administration.

Several Republicans strongly dissented from the conclusions in the report about the Iraqi National Congress, saying they overstated the role that the exile group played in the prewar intelligence assessments about Iraq. But the committee overwhelmingly approved the other report, with only one Republican senator voting against it.

As recently as Aug. 21, President Bush said at a news conference that Saddam "had relations with Zarqawi." But a CIA report completed in October 2005 concluded instead that Saddam's government "did not have a relationship, harbor or even turn a blind eye toward Zarqawi and his associates," according to the new Senate findings.

The 356-page report by the committee specifically criticized a decision by the National Security Council in 2002 to maintain a close relationship with the Iraqi National Congress, headed by the exile leader Ahmad Chalabi, even after the CIA and the Defense Intelligence Agency had warned that "the INC was penetrated by hostile intelligence services," notably Iran.

The findings and their release came at an inopportune time for the Bush administration, which has spent the week trying to turn voters' attention away from the missteps on Iraq and toward the more comfortable political territory of the continued terrorist threat to the United States.

On Friday, the White House spokesperson, Tony Snow, downplayed the reports, saying that they contained "nothing new" and were "re-litigating things that happened three years ago."

The two reports released Friday are expected to be the least controversial aspects of what remains of the Senate committee's investigation, which will eventually address the question of whether the Bush administration's assertions about Iraq accurately reflected the available intelligence. *New York Times*

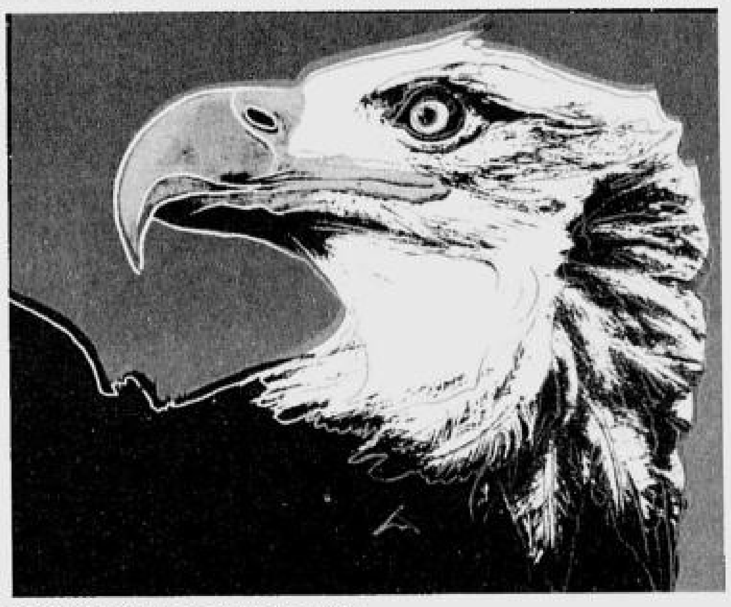
New attempt to launch Atlantis

CAPE CANAVERAL, FLORIDA—THE US SPACE agency will again attempt to launch the space shuttle Atlantis on Saturday on a crucial mission to resume construction of the International Space Station, after delays caused by weather and technical problems.

On Friday, NASA delayed the launch for 24 hours, citing a troublesome fuel cutoff sensor, a spokesperson said.

The new launch time, set for 11:15 a.m. (11:15 p.m. in Manila), came after discussions with the Russians over possible conflicts with their planned Sept. 18 Soyuz flight to the ISS.

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration said the faulty fuel sensor on an external fuel tank was detected during fueling operations early Friday, and after lengthy examination of the problem and discussions by mission officials, they decided to put off the launch. *AFP*



WARHOL SCREENPRINT
Andy Warhol's "Endangered Species: Bald Eagle, 1983." The National Museum of Wildlife Art in Jackson, Wyoming, is revealing an unknown side to the most famous of pop artists—screenprints of species from mountain sheep and butterflies to gorillas to America's national symbol, the bald eagle. REUTERS

Israel ends sea blockade of Lebanon

BEIRUT, LEBANON—ISRAEL LIFTED its sea blockade of Lebanon on Friday, releasing its last major chokehold on the country since war broke out in July.

Fishing boats, their crews hoping to salvage what was left of the season before winter set in, chugged out to sea while water skiers and wind surfers skimmed the waves without worry for the first time in nearly two months.

More important for the Lebanese economy, ships loaded with cars, food and oil steamed toward Beirut. Trade routes to the country were cut in mid-July during the opening days of the war, and Israel had maintained the blockade even after a cease-fire was declared in mid-August. The embargo has cost the country hundreds of millions of dollars in lost trade.

Israel said it had turned over responsibility for patrolling the Lebanese coast to Italian warships, which would help the Lebanese Navy enforce a UN-mandated arms embargo against Hezbollah.

"The naval blockade has ended," said David Baker, an official in the office of the Israeli prime minister, Ehud Olmert. "The international forces have taken their positions."

Many observers here said they believe that Hezbollah still has plenty of weapons, and they doubt that the Shiite group would try to import more arms now in any case. Few Lebanese, meanwhile, said they believe the multinational naval presence can do much to stop any banned shipments that do come. Hezbollah's already strong political influence in Lebanon has grown in the wake of the war.

Under the UN-brokered agreement that ended the blockade, the interim naval force is to remain six nautical miles from the coast and search vessels only at the request of the Lebanese navy. The multinational naval force is not authorized to act on its own. *NYT*

37 people killed, 50 injured in blasts near Indian mosque

BOMBAY—SOME 37 PEOPLE WERE KILLED and 50 injured Friday when three bombs exploded as hundreds of Muslims poured out of a mosque in western India, officials said.

Police said one of the bombs went off at 1:50 p.m. at the Nurani mosque in Malegon which was packed with devotees gathered for Shab-e-Barat, when Muslims traditionally pray at the graves of their ancestors.

R.R. Patil, deputy chief minister of the western Maharashtra state, where Malegaon is located, said three and not two blasts claimed the lives of 37 people, the Press Trust of India reported.

Two separate blasts also occurred at the town's Mushaira Chowk and Ayesha Nagar localities, Patil told reporters in Maharashtra capital Bombay (also known as Mumbai).

Malegaon police control room also put the death toll at 37 and said an unspecified number of injured victims have been taken away by relatives for treatment elsewhere.

"From hospital reports we have compiled a list of 37 dead," said police control room spokesperson sub-inspector Kedar who uses one name.

Earlier, Indian Home Secretary V.K. Duggal had put the toll at 30 killed and 50 injured in two blasts in the textile town, 180 km from Bombay.

One bomb tied to the back of a parked bicycle went off as the faithful left the mosque, he said.

"No one has taken responsibility for the blasts," Duggal said in New Delhi.

Television pictures showed men and boys trampling on bloodied bodies as they battled to escape through a tunnel from the walled mosque compound.

The panicked crowds stumbled and jumped over bodies strewn across the tunnel entrance.

Bystanders hauled children to safety as survivors loaded bodies into sheets and on to hand carts.

Groaning injured men and women lay with the dead in the streets.

DAMAGED bicycles and torn footwear of bomb blast victims are strewn inside a mosque compound in Malegaon, Sept. 9. REUTERS

Malegaon chief health officer Bharat Wagh had earlier told AFP some 125 people had been hurt.

"No one has taken responsibility for the blasts … details are still sketchy," Duggal said.

The blasts came two months after an attack on seven trains in Bombay that killed 186 people and was blamed on Islamic militants targeting wealthy Hindus.

India avoided blaming any group for those blasts but described them as a "terrorist act" designed to stoke communal tensions.

A curfew was slapped on Malegaon and the police was put on high alert. *AFP*

WORLDBRIEFS

UN strategy to fight terror

UNITED NATIONS—The UN General Assembly on Friday endorsed by consensus a resolution supporting a global strategy to combat terrorism in all its forms, based on respect for human rights and the rule of law. Some delegations, including Syria, Cuba and Venezuela, however bemoaned the text's failure to include a clear legal definition of terrorism and to specifically condemn state terrrorism. The text resolves to "consistently, unequivocally and strongly condemn terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, committed by whomever, wherever and for whatever purposes, as it constitutes one of the most serious threats to international peace and security." The resolution, adopted only a few days before the 5th anniversary of the Sept.11 attacks on the United States, was to serve as a basis for the conclusion of a "comprehensive" UN convention to curb international terrorism. *AFP*

Immigration fingerprinting

WASHINGTON—Immigration officials will automatically be notified anytime the local or state police do a federal fingerprint check on a suspect who also happens to be wanted for serious immigration violations, under a new system being tested in Boston. The automated notification is part of a Department of Homeland Security program that could expand the role that the local and state police nationwide play in the immigration enforcement effort. To federal officials, it is a natural next step. Police forces have hundreds of thousands of officers who routinely come into contact with illegal immigrants, while Immigration and Customs Enforcement has a squad of only about 6,000 criminal investigators. But some immigration and civil liberties advocates are raising objections. "Once the police become viewed as immigration agents, as opposed to simply safety and law enforcement patrols, they will lose the cooperation and trust of significant portion of the communities they serve," said Marshall Fitz, director of advocacy at the American Immigration Lawyers Association. *NYT*

Sanctions against Iran

BERLIN—The United States wants the major powers to begin talks next week on a draft UN resolution against Iran if it does not halt its enrichment of uranium, a senior US official said Friday. "We are heading toward the UN Security Council to consider a sanctions regime," R. Nicholas Burns, the US undersecretary of state for political affairs, said. He said talks with the diplomats from Britain, France and Germany, and those from Russia and China, would resume Monday by conference call, and then shift to the United Nations. *NYT*

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BIBOY RIVERA: Right on target.

Orcollo, Reyes eye ₱25M

DENNIS ORCOLLO AND EFREN "Bata" Reyes gained a shot at the record winner's purse of $500,000 (P25 million) to make up for the unexpected fall of Francisco "Django" Bustamante and Alex Pagulayan in the International Pool Tour World 8-Ball Open championship Saturday.

The 27-year-old Orcollo and Hall of Famer Reyes made it to the Final 6 for the second straight time in the IPT, but Bustamante saw his 18-game winning run end and failed to advance along with Pagulayan after Round 5 at the Grand Sierra Resort and Casino in Reno, Nevada.

Completing the championship round were Americans Rodney Morris and Corey Deuel and former world 9-ball pool champions Mika Immonen of Finland and Oliver Ortmann of Germany.

Orcollo, who was third in the IPT North American Open last July, notched four wins against one loss and qualified in a tie for first with Immonen.

Reyes, winner of the inaugural World Cup of Pool with Bustamante, leaned on

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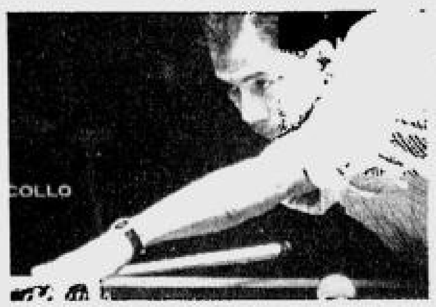

DENNIS ORCOLLO: In the hunt.

Perfect 300 gives Biboy world title

FILIPINO STAR BIBOY RIVERA CAPPED A steady performance with a perfect game Friday to bag the Masters gold medal in the world men's bowling championships at the Asiad Bowling Center in Busan, South Korea.

Forced to a deciding fifth game by Germany's Achim Grabowski after he had swept the first two games, the 32-year-old Rivera produced the first 300 game in a Masters at a world championship to rule the event. It was only the tournament's third pefecto and the 13th by a man in the history of the event.

Grabowski, who had tied the series at 2-2 by winning 204-175 and 220-193 in the third and fourth games after failing 223-232 and 223-225

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TOYOTA moving forward

Warriors nip Eagles, gain momentum

By Jasmine W. Payo

BONBON CUSTUDIO NAILED TWO FREE THROWS WITH NINE seconds left as University of the East escaped with a 78-75 decision over Ateneo yesterday in what could be a preview of the UAAP men's basketball championship this season.

Only prestige was at stake in the match closing the eliminations at the Philsports Arena with the Eagles and the Warriors already assured of the top two slots and the twice-to-beat incentive against their respective rivals in the Final Four, which will decide the two championship berths.

Despite the loss, the Eagles finished No. 1 with a 10-2 win-loss record. UE ended up at 8-4.

Custodio redeemed himself from a crucial turnover that allowed Ateneo main man JC Intal to score on a jam and cut the lead to 76-75, with only 10.2 ticks left.

Known for coming up with miracle shots when they counted most this season, the Eagles tried to extend through Chris Tiu, but the potential tying basket rimmed out this time at the buzzer.

Coach Dindo Pumaren said the victory was a good send-off to the semifinals for the Warriors, who had absorbed back-to-back losses against Adamson and the University of the Philippines.

"We relaxed (against Adamson and UP), so we needed this game to bounce back and gain momentum going into the Final Four," said Pumaren.

The Santo Tomas Tigers and the Adamson Falcons, who finished tied at 6-6, will dispute third spot in a knockout match on Thursday at the Philsports Arena.

In the Final Four starting on Sept. 17 at the Araneta Coliseum, the Eagles will battle the fourth-seeded squad, while the Warriors will face the third-ranked team.

The Warriors seemed headed for a lopsided victory after forging to an early 45-28 lead behind Custodio, who shot 23 points, and Marcy Arellano. The Warriors went ahead by as much as 54-31 early in the third period.

Earlier, the Ateneo Eaglets secured an outright Finals berth after completing a 12-game sweep with an 85-63 rout over the UE Pages at the end of the elimination round in junior play.

The Far Eastern Baby Tamaraws drubbed the UST Tiger Cubs, 83-63, to wrap up their campaign with a second-best 10-2 slate.

Armed with the twice-to-beat semifinal advantage, the Baby Tamaraws will face the winner of the do-or-die tiff between the Adamson Baby Falcons and the UP Junior Maroons.

The Junior Maroons secured the third spot at 7-5 with a 73-69 triumph over the Baby Falcons, who settled for fourth at 6-6.

Meanwhile, the UST Salinggawi Dance Troupe will be gunning for their fifth straight title in the cheerdance competition at 2 p.m. today at the Araneta Coliseum.

The UE-Ateneo scores:

Fourth Game

UE 78—Custodio 23, Arellano 15, Martinez 8, Labagala 8, Borboran 7, Gregorio 6, Espiritu 5, Llagas 3, Canizares 3, Thiele 1, Lingganay 0, Briones 0, Bandaying 0.

ATENEO 75—Intal 29, Kramer 11, Escalona 11, Tiu 6, Salamat 5, Laterre 4, Monfort 3, Reyes 3, Al-Hussaini 3, Escueta 0, Uichico 0, Quimson 0, Arao 0.

Quarters: 20-14, 47-31, 62-50, 78-75[

GAMES TODAY *(Araneta Coliseum)*
2 p.m.—Cheerdance Competition
4 p.m.—FEU vs Ateneo (Women's)

UE'S Elmer Espiritu and Ateneo's Eric Salamat grapple for possession in their game yesterday. AUGUST DELA CRUZ

PCU's victory over Letran takes Dualan by surprise

By Marc Anthony Reyes

IF THERE'S ANYBODY MORE SURPRISED over Philippine Christian's win over defending champion Letran Friday night, it had to be PCU's head coach Joel Dualan himself.

The morning after the Dolphins shocked the Knights to snare the last twice-to-beat bonus in the NCAA men's basketball, Dualan swore he still can't believe they are capable of playing at that level when nobody expected them to reach this far during the pre-season.

The Dolphins came from being the far-third to hack out the rubber-match against the Knights, who by contrast, have held either first or second during the eliminations.

But Dualan said there were no secrets in that 67-62 win at the Araneta Coliseum. He just refused to put undue pressure on the players and didn't hammer the need to win as any coach would probably do in that situation.

"Maybe that's why we played good, there was no pressure on us to win," Dualan told the INQUIRER.

When Letran mounted a comeback and breathed on its neck 63-62, Dualan calmed his players by saying, "it's a basketball game, it's natural that they score against us.

"But when I looked at the score and saw that we're still up despite their (Letran) hard work, that's the time I knew we had a chance to win," added Dualan whose charges are now on a four-game winning streak.

Another win on Wednesday's Final Foul, again against the Knights, will bring the Dolphins back to the championships for the second straight year, this time against the winner of the San Beda-Mapua encounter.

"We are the dark horse in the tournament and it's the other teams which should get nervous not us," said Dualan, who as a player never showed feebly nerves manning the slot for Formula Shell in the pro league.

PCU last relished the title in 2004 and came close to having a second serving last year. The Dolphins back then took a 1-0 lead in the best-of-three final series, but the Knights took the next two games for the title.

Bogeyman Ekwe leads MVP derby

By Marc Anthony Reyes

HIS PRESENCE IS FELT EVEN IF HE HARDLY makes a basket.

Though far below in the scoring ladder, San Beda's Nigerian exchange student Samuel Ekwe is tops in other facets of the game to grab the lead in the NCAA men's basketball Most Valuable Player race.

The 6-foot-8 Ekwe rattles the rim every time he's given a chance to, but San Beda has been wisely protecting him from the pitfalls of becoming the main scoring option.

Instead, the soft-spoken Ekwe terrorizes the rival teams by dominating the shaded area with his blocking and rebounding.

In both departments, Ekwe was way ahead. He ruled both boards after the double-round eliminations with a 13.8 game average, followed by Philippine Christian's Gabby Espinas with 9.7 and Floyd Dedicatoria of Jose Rizal with 9.1.

In blocks, Ekwe lorded it with a 3.0 norm, with Daryl Mendoza of Perpetual and Espinas coming in second and third with 2.4 and 2.2 blocks average.

Perpetual's Khiel Misa led the scoring with a 16.6 average, while Letran's Boyet Bautista is second with 15.6. Ekwe? He's out of the top 10 with a measly 8.5 points per game average.

Fortunately, the league has devised a yardstick to measure the "player's all-around value" which is the average of the total statistical points he has amassed the past 14 games. There, Ekwe is the runaway leader with a 38.9 average.

Dedicatoria wound up second with 34.6, while Espinas and PCU teammate Jason Castro landed No. 3 and No. 4 with 33.5 and 30.1, respectively. Rounding out the top 10 were Misa (28.7), SBC's Yousif Aljamal (28.6), San Sebastian's Jim Viray (27.5), Letran's Aaron Aban (27.2), Bautista (24.4) and Perpetual's Fritz Bauzon (23.9).

Perfect 300 gives Biboy world title

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at the start, could only come up with a 216 as Rivera toppled every pin through 12 frames on long oil.

Rivera advanced to the finals by edging Australian Jason Belmonte, 3-2 (249-211, 205-161, 188-219, 168-190, 249-230) after Grabowski had ousted American Rhino Page, 3-1 (187-166, 226-201, 213-244, 235-213).

Earlier, Rivera beat Korea's Choi Jong-In, 3-1 (181-199, 243-195, 215-205, 238-214) 1 and Finland's Petri Mannonen, 3-2 (168-225, 203233, 202-179, 267-242, 191-181).

Orcollo...

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a hot start to post a 3-2 record and advance along with Ortman (4-1).

Orcollo beat Immonen (8-6), Americans Charlie Williams (8-6) and Danny Harriman, (8-7), and Europe's No. 1 Niels Feijen of the Netherlands (8-5). His only loss came at the hands of German Ralf Souquet (5-8).

The charismatic Reyes won three of his first four matches to lock up a seat in the final group play. He sandwiched a 2-8 loss to Ortmann with victories over Pagulayan, 8-6, Dimitri Jungo of Switzerland , 8-3, and Thomas Engert of Germany , 8-3. Reyes then lost to Michael Hill (2-8).

Marlon Bernardino, contributor

Brent pulls off double win

THE FEMALE TEAMS OF BRENT INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL USED THEIR FAMIliarity of the playing conditions to fashion out two victories when it hosted the volleyball competitions of the 7th Southern Luzon Colleges and Universities Athletic Association at its gymnasium in Binan, Laguna, recently.The Lady Lions drew power from Antoenete Matschuck to beat the La Salle-Health and Science Lady Crusaders, 25-14, 25-19, 28-26, for their second straight victory in this 11-member league featuring the top schools of Southern Luzon. Their girls' teams, led by best player Alisa delos Reyes, had a harder time against Perpetual Help-Calamba before pulling off a 25-19, 20-25, 25-18, 23-25, 15-4 victory, to bounce back from a loss to the Colegio San Agustin high schoolers.

RP International Golf Show Oct. 20-22

THE GOLF DISTRIBUTORS ASSOCIATION of the Philippines (GDAP) will stage the 11th Philippine International Golf Show, an exhibition of the newest trends and products in golf, on Oct. 20-22 at the Megatrade Hall 2 of SM Megamall, Mandaluyong City.

Considered one of Asia's biggest, the Golf Show has drawn the support of the National Golf Association of the Philippines, the Junior Golf Foundation of the Philippines, Philippine Turf Association, the Women's Golf Association of the Philippines, the Professional Golfers Association of the Philippines and the Federation of Golf Clubs Phils. Inc.

GDAP president Lovell Gopez and exhibit chair Richie Macapagal are at the helm of preparations together with exhibit organizer Fairs & More Inc. Participants are Ayala Greenfield Estates, BCS Systems & Technologies, Besa's Shoes, Casino Filipino, Cathay Land Inc., Citibank, Comadore Sports & Leisure Corp., Directlink Insurance, Dunlop Slazenger Int'l, Electrobus Consolidated Inc. (Callaway), Enzo Ferrera Collections Int'l Inc., Fitness First, G&W Clubshares Inc., Gainers Marketing Corp., GG&A Club Shares Brokers Inc., Golf Depot, Golf Pro Int'l Ltd., GolfKing (Kaizen), Kart Plaza Mfg./Yamaha Golf Car, Malaysian Tourism Promotion Board, Masters Sports Corp., Pacsports Phils. Inc., Philippine Daily Inquirer, Philippine Tourism Authority, Philippine Turf Association, PinPoint S.E. Asia, Raymundo's Trophies & Sculptures, Rudy Project, Rush Birdie, Secomp, Sta. Lucia Realty & Dev't Corp. (Splendido), TaylorMade, Transview Golf Phils., The Turf Company and WS Sports Inc. Call Sweet or Karen: 8451324 or 7596680.

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Agriculture
NATIONAL IRRIGATION ADMINISTRATION
Region 13-CARAGA, Bancasi, Butuan City

INVITATION FOR PREQUALIFICATION

Date: September 4, 2006
Loan No. 1669-PH: Southern Philippines Irrigation Sector Project
Contract No.: SPISP-LCB-CTN-01, Construction / Rehabilitation of Cantilan NIS Laterals A-4, A-5 & A-6 including Appurtenant Structures - Package 1
SPISP-LCB-CTN-02, Construction / Rehabilitation of Cantilan NIS' Lateral B-1 & D including Appurtenant Structures - Package 2
SPISP-LCB-CTN-03, Construction / Rehabilitation of Cantilan NIS' Lateral B-4 & C including Appurtenant Structure - Package 3

(Local Competitive Bidding)

1 The Government of the Republic of the Philippines has received a loan from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) towards the cost of Souther Philippines Irrigation Sector Project (SPISP) and intends to apply a portion of the proceeds of this loan to eligible payments under the contract for which this invitation for Prequalification is issued.

2 The National Irrigation Administration (NIA) intends to prequalify firms for the Construction / Rehabilitation of Cantilan NIS' Lateral Canals and Appurtenant Structures based on the above mentioned separate contract packages.

3 One of SPISP subprojects, the Cantilan NIS is located in the Municipalities of Madrid and Cantilan, all in Surigao del Sur approximately 285 km northeast of Butuan City. The subproject requires the participation of Irrigators Association members / former beneficiaries in monitoring the progress of implementation and in the generation of equity contributions equivalent to 25% of subproject's chargeable cost by way of employment as hired labor and skilled workers, if qualified under these contract packages. The improved irrigation canals including completed appurtenant facilities under these contract packages shall eventually be turned-over to the farmers upon completion of irrigation management transfer process.

4 Package 1 involves the construction / rehabilitation of existing 3.40 km, 1.70 km & 3.40 km canals including 10 units, 5 units & also 5 units of irrigation structures for Laterals A-4, A-5, & A-6 respectively. Package 2 involves the construction / rehabilitation of 4.396 km & 3.520 km canals including 4 units & 10 units of irrigation structures for Lateral B-1 & D, respectively. Package 3 involves the construction / rehabilitation of 1.834 km & 5.20 km canals including 3 units & 21 units of irrigation structures for Lateral B-4 & C respectively. The scopes of contract per package are expected to be as follows:

Work Items	Package 1	Package 2	Package 3
	Estimated Quantity		
a. Canal Excavation, cu.m	90	70	370
b. Canal Embankment Fill, cu.m.	13,000	15,670	16,000
c. Concrete Works with RSB, cu.m	1,460	1,460	900
d. Plain concrete, cu.m	340	400	420

5 It is expected that notices of prequalification will be made in October 2006.

6 Interested eligible applicants may obtain further information from the NIA-Region 13-CARAGA and inspect the Prequalification Document at the address given below during workdays from 0800 Hours to 1700 Hours, Philippine Standard Time.

7 The Prequalification Forms, in English language, may be purchased by an interested Applicant upon submission of Letter of Intent clearly starting "Application for Prequalification for Contract No.

a. SPISP-LCB-CTN-01, Construction / Rehabilitation of Cantilan NIS Laterals A-4, A-5 & A-6 including Appurtenant Structures - Package 1"
b. SPISP-LCB-CTN-02, Construction / Rehabilitation of Cantilan NIS Lateral B-1 & D including Appurtenant Structures - Package 2"
c. SPISP-LCB-CTN-03, Construction / Rehabilitation of Cantilan NIS' Lateral B-4 & C including Appurtenant Structures - Package 3"

and payment of a non-refundable fee of Php 5,000.00 per Contract Package not later than 1700 Hours, Philippine Standard Time on September 25, 2006. The Letter of Intent shall be addressed as follows:

The Chairman
Bids and Award Committee
c/o ENGR. MEDEL P. MAWILE
Brgy. Bancasi, Butuan City, PHILIPPINES
Telepono No. 085-342-3000
Facsimile No. 085-342-5353
Electronic Mail Address: niacaraga@skyinet.net

8. Submission of Applications for Prequalification, consisting of one (1) original and three (3) copies, must be received in sealed envelopes either delivered by hand or by registered mail to the above address on or before October 9, 2006, 1700 Hours Philippine Standard Time. The envelopes must be clearly marked "Application for Prequalification for Contract No.

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c. SPISP-LCB-CTN-03, Construction / Rehabilitation of Cantilan NIS' Lateral B-4 & C including Appurtenant Structures - Package 3"

9. The NIA reserves the right to accept or reject late applications.
10. The NIA will not be responsible for any costs or expenses incurred by Applicants in connection with the preparation or delivery of their Applications.
11. The NIA will notify all Applicants in writing of results of evaluation of their applications for prequalification.

(Sgd.) MEDEL P. MAWILE
BAC Chairman

Noted:
(Sgd.) DEMOCRATICO P. GRANA, JR. CESO V
Regional Manager

(PDI - Sept. 4 & 10, 2006)

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ITB NO.: 08-04-2006 LUZ

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Name of Project: Two (2) lots Private Security Agency (PSA) Services for Casino Filipino Luzon Branches

LOT	LOCATION / BRANCH	NO. OF GUARDS	APPROVED BUDGET
1	Casino Filipino - Angeles	45 (SG-36 / LG-9)	Thirteen Million One Hundred Ninety Six Thousand Four Hundred Thirteen & 08/100 (Php 13,196,413.08)
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NOTE: Bidders should bid for one (1) lot only.
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Only contractors duly registered with PAGCOR shall be allowed to participate in the bidding. Unregistered contractors must register at the Suppliers Registration & Evaluation Section (SRES) Procurement & Property Department (PPD), 2nd Floor PAGCOR House, 1330 Roxas Blvd., Ermita Manila., Tel. No. 526-0573 or at the Branch Procurement and Property Office, Casino Filipino - Angeles or at the Branch Procurement and Property Office, Casino Filipino – Olongapo

Prospective bidders should have experience in undertaking a similar project with an amount of at least 50% of the proposed project for bidding. The Eligibility Check/Screening as well as the Preliminary Examination of Bids shall use non-discretionary "pass/fail" criteria. Post qualification of the lowest calculated bid shall be conducted.

All particulars relative to Eligibility Statement and Screening, Pre-Bid Conference, Evaluation of Bids, Post-Qualification and Award of Contract shall be governed by the pertinent provisions of R.A. 9184 and its Implementing Rules and Regulation (IRR).

The schedule of activities is listed, as follows:

Activities	Schedule	
1. Issuance of Bid Documents	August 31, 2006 – September 29, 2006	
2. Pre-Bid Conference	September 18, 2006	(2 pm)
3. Submission of Bids	October 2, 2006	(2 pm)
4. Opening of Bid	October 2, 2006	(2 pm onwards)

VENUE: Casino Filipino - Angeles

Bid documents will be available to prospective bidders upon payment of a non-refundable amount of *Six Thousand Five Hundred Ninety Eight & 20/100 Pesos (Php 6,598.20) for Lot 1 and Five Thousand Five Hundred Fifty Five & 45/100 (Php 5,555.45) for Lot 2.* In order to secure the documents, bidders should present the Official Receipt issued by our Cashier to the BBAC Secretariat.

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Please address all communications to the Branch Secretariat Unit, Casino Filipino – Angeles.

(Sgd) BASIL M. PERNIA
BBAC Chairman, Casino Filipino - Angeles

(PDI – Sept. 3 & 10, 2006)

SPORTSWATCH

Gary Lising golf offers juicy prizes

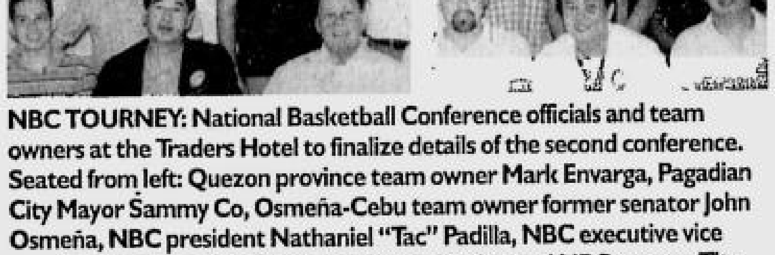
AIR21 PRESIDENT BERT LINA WILL HIT THE CEREMONIAL DRIVE KICKING OFF the 12th Gary Lising golf classic tomorrow at the Sta. Elena layout in Laguna. Also hitting a ceremonial drive is Philippine Airlines president Jimmy Bautista. All 27 holes of the course will be used in the 7 a.m. shotgun start of the event supported by Pagcor, Starbucks, Lacoste, PCSO, Rudy Project, Rustan's Citibank, PLDT, OSIM Phils., Gold's gym, Pacsports and Secretary Mike Defensor. An OSIM massage chair and a brand new set of Nike golf clubs are up for grabs for a hole in one.

SJC submission of weights

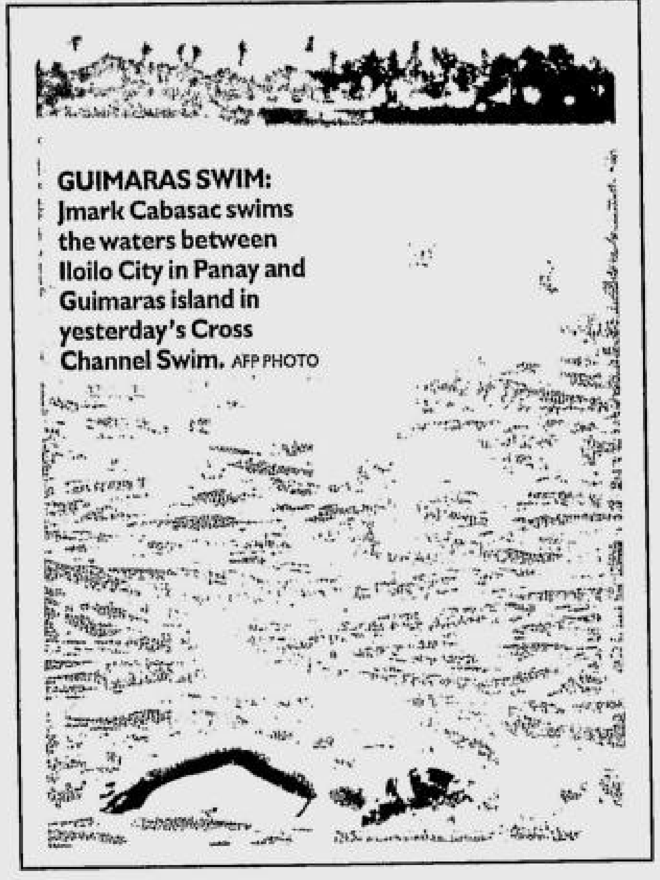
OFFICIAL ENTRIES MUST BE SUBMITTED TODAY FROM 2-9 P.M. AT SAN Juan Coliseum in connection with the SJC 1st Anniversary 6-stag derby. Backed by Sagupaan Complexor 3000, the event set Sept. 11 and 13 has attracted cockers and breeders from Cebu, Davao, Negros Occ., Iloilo, Bicol, Pangasinan, Tarlac, Zambales, Pampanga and Nueva Ecija. With over 110 fights on tap, the 2-stag elimination round starts at 1 p.m. The finals (4-stag) is set Sept. 13. Call 725-5369 and 725-6563.

Estrellado tops Showdown

POL ESTRELLADO OF LAGUNA TOPPED THE RAY SHOWDOWN 6-STAG DERby Thursday night at Roligon Mega Cockpit after his entry, PE San Pablo, racked up six victories in as many fights. Cyrus Hao of Bicol was runner-up with 5.5 points, while Mayor Boy Austria, James Uy, Mayor Ordonia, Fernan Dolarte, William Ong and Tony Jaen posted five points each. Derby hosts were Danny Ty and Romero Yu. Meanwhile, screening of entries continues today, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in connection with Roligon's Stag Festival 5-stag derby on Sept. 26, 28 and 30. . Call 851-2275, 833-1638 and 852-9812.



NBC TOURNEY: National Basketball Conference officials and team owners at the Traders Hotel to finalize details of the second conference. Seated from left: Quezon province team owner Mark Envarga, Pagadian City Mayor Sammy Co, Osmeña-Cebu team owner former senator John Osmeña, NBC president Nathaniel "Tac" Padilla, NBC executive vice president and Tagaytay Mayor Bambol Tolentino and NBC sec-gen Tito Palma. Standing: Quezon team manager Teddy Militsara, Osmeña-Cebu team manger Carlos Sario, Iligan team manager Freddie Siao, Bacchus/ Harbour Centre coach Lawrence Chongson, Cebu representative Randy Caluag and Valencia Golden Harvest team manager Rico Ocho.

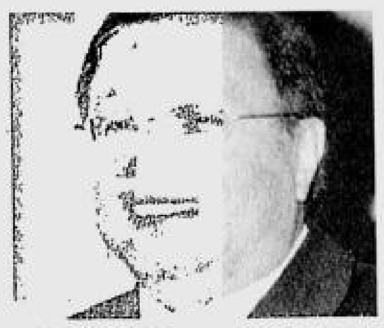

GUIMARAS SWIM: Jmark Cabasac swims the waters between Iloilo City in Panay and Guimaras island in yesterday's Cross Channel Swim. AFP PHOTO

Cage panel readies by-laws final draft

By Musong R. Castillo

THE THREE-MAN PANEL WORKING on the constitution and by-laws of the new basketball body yesterday said that it is confident of finalizing everything before the end of the week.

Details of Friday night's four-hour meeting at the Manila Hotel among Manny Pangilinan, Joey Lina, Bernie Atienza and legal counsel Marievic Ramos-Añonuevo were not released, however.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"(We) concluded a four-hour review of the draft (of the) constitutional documents for a unified basketball organization," an official statement, e-mailed to media offices yesterday, said.

"Significant progress has been made and it is anticipated that these draft constitutional documents will be finalized by early next week," added the statement, which was signed by Ramos-Añonuevo, a counsel from the Sycip Salazar Hernandez & Gatmaitan law firm.

The panel has imposed a Sept. 30 deadline to come up with a new constitution to get back the Philippines' active status in world basketball.

It was a condition laid down by the governing international federation (Fiba) after a breakthrough meeting last month in Japan with its officials and that of the Basketball Association of the Philippines headed by Lina and Pilipinas Basketball led by Atienza.

Pasa sectional tilt under way

THE PHILIPPINE AMATEUR SWIMMING ASsociation's (Pasa) talent-identification program gets under way with the two-day nationwide sectional meet of the Pilipinas Youth Swimming Cup (PYSC) today.

The first edition is being held simultaneously in Manila, Bacolod and General Santos. It will be followed by the sectional meet next month in Nueva Ecija, Antique and Lanao del Sur. The meet, ebing supported by Arena, has attracted more than 800 swimmers nationwide who met the cut-off time set by Pasa.

"Luzon had the most number of qualifiers at 450, followed by Mindanao at 250, and the Visayas which had 150, totaling 850 competitors, aged 9 to 17," said Pasa president Mark Joseph. "This number should serve as an eye-opener to the local swimming community because the number represents only about 25 percent of our local swimmers. This despite the fact that the qualifying times we set were generally low based on equivalent international standards."

Bumgarner back at AF3

AFTER MISSING THE ZHUHAI ROUNDS OF the Asian Formula Three Series, former Asian karting queen Michele Bumgarner will again showcase her driving skills in the next six rounds on Sept. 19-23 at the Sentul International Circuit in Bogor, Indonesia.

Bumgarner, who became the first female driver to post a win in the series when she won the promotions class on her debut at the Batangas Racing Circuit in May, returns to drive for Team Goddard.

"In Batangas she made an extremely impressive debut. She had the speed but she had problems with her starts. I am sure her starting technique will not be a problem this time so we expect her to win again," said Team Goddard principal Mark Goddard of Bumgarner, who failed to compete in Zhuhai due to her commitment with the Italian Karting Championship.

Rush Interclub Smashfest set

NON-STOP BADMINTON ACTION IS IN THE offing this month as Rush Fitness Water hosts its first Rush Interclub Smashfest 2006 to satisfy the Filipinos' craving need for the sport.

Sixteen badminton clubs in Metro Manila are expected to show their wares in three consecutive weekends starting Sept. 16 and 17 for the first and second legs.

The third and fourth legs will be on Sept. 23 and 24, while the finals will be held on Sept. 30 at the Olympic Badminton Club in Libis.

The event, powered by Rush Fitness Water, which is "Just Right for Everyday Fitness," is open to mixed-doublers pairs who are 18 years old and above.

Participants must be amateur netters and have not joined any national or junior pools. Varsity players, even those in the training pool, in any collegiate leagues are also not allowed to compete in the tournament. Same thing goes for the professional coaches or trainers.

Each Club will select their bets. Four participating clubs per leg will play simultaneously with the top two pairs advancing to the next round. Registration is free. Call (632) 4141489.

Mercado prevails

NATIONAL Master Levi Mercado topped the just-concluded 2006 Mindanao Open Chess Tournament held at the Maharlika Training Center Hotel, Lipata, Surigao City. Mercado drew with Davao's Jimmy Dano in the seventh and final round Friday to finish with 6.0 points, the same total posted by Dano and Jhonnel Balquin. Cagayan de Oro pride Mercado, however, wound up with the higher Buccholz tiebreak points to cop the championship and the P20,000 that goes with it. Dano took the 1st runner-up prize of P18,000 and Balquin the 2nd runner-up purse of P7,000. NM Ernesto Fernadez wound up with 5.5 points and settled for 3rd runner-up and P4,500. Famie Fazon, who also tallied 5.5 points, landed fifth. Surigao City administrator Raymond Tiukinhoy was the tournament director of the event that started Wednesday. Chief arbiter was Lorenzo Cuizon Jr., assisted by deputy arbiters Tyrone Alaan and Richelieu Salcedo.

RACING

BY TOP CHOICE

Race 1—(Qrt/Tri)—Express Strike (3), Black Emperor (1), Brazeb Truth (4), St. Emilion (5)
Race 2—(Qrt/Tri)—Now Showing (1), Mapagkwento (6), Federal Court (3), Maginoo's Pride (5)
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Aces subdue Kings in OT

SAN FERNANDO, PAMPANGA—THE ALASKA ACES TURNED TO MIKE Cortez and Tony dela Cruz in overtime to turn back the Ginebra Kings, 103-99 in the PBA Pre Season tournament at the University of Assumption gym. The Kings had earlier scored two blowout victories against Purefoods and Welcoat that saw them winning by an average of 25 points.

MARIA Sharapova "feels pretty" when she grunts. AFP

Loud and clear for Sharapova

Gains final vs Henin-Hardenne

NEW YORK—MARIA SHARAPOVA SUDDENly went silent—for a few shots, anyway—and made her points. Jelena Jankovic probably wishes she'd kept quiet, too.

Right after Jankovic talked herself out of a chance to upset Belgium's Justine Henin-Hardenne in the US Open semifinals Friday, Sharapova stayed focused and beat No. 1 Amelie Mauresmo of France.

And with that, a full day of tennis at Flushing Meadows was set: Roger Federer vs. Nikolay Davydenko and Andy Roddick vs. Mikhail Youzhny in the men's semis Saturday afternoon, then Sharapova against Henin-Hardenne at 8 p.m. for the women's title.

"The Open is all about the night matches," Sharapova said.

The top-seeded Federer will be trying to win his third Slam of the Year. The No. 7 Davydenko and the unseeded Youzhny hope for an unlikely all-Russian final.

The third-seeded Sharapova beat the Mauresmo, 6-0, 4-6, 6-0, playing her way back into a Grand Slam final for the first time since her breakthrough win at Wimbledon in 2004 at age 17.

Aiming at her sixth major championship, Henin-Hardenne showed the steady mental and physical approach of a champion while Serbia's Jankovic melted down, winning the final 10 games for a 4-6, 6-4, 6-0 victory.

"I came back from nowhere today," the second-seeded Henin-Hardenne said. "I feel lucky to be in the final."

Sharapova started out pounding the ball, punctuating almost every shot with a shriek that echoed around Arthur Ashe Stadium.

After losing the second set, Sharapova took a different tact to start the final set—she didn't make a sound for the first few points, coming back from 0-30 to break Mauresmo in the first game.

Sharapova didn't stray too far from her style, however, and turned up the volume as the match wore on. When it was over, she wore a white T-shirt with glittery gold lettering: "I feel pretty when I grunt," it said.

"I had a terrible record against Amelie, and that ended today," Sharapova said. "I have a terrible record against Justine, so I hope that's a good luck charm at the Open."

Henin-Hardenne's bid to reach the final seemed to be in jeopardy. That is, until Jankovic spoke up.

The 19th-seeded Jankovic was a point from taking a 5-2 lead in the second set when got into a dispute with chair umpire Enric Molina. Jankovic faulted, then began yapping after her first serve was called out.

"Did you see it?" she asked Molina.

Molina said yes, telling her, "I'm not going to lie to you. I'm not a machine."

Flustered, Jankovic didn't call for an instant-replay challenge and double-faulted.

"I'm telling him he has to be involved in the calls," Jankovic said. *AP*

Juvic tied for 26th after 74

SINGAPORE—ADAM SCOTT CAUGHT ERNIE Els on top of the Singapore Open before third round play was suspended due to the threat of lightning on Saturday.

Scott was working on a four-under card through 15 holes and jumped into a tie with the burly South African with seven-under totals.

"I felt like I played a bit better than what I shot today," said Scott. "I had a few putts that went by the edge and unfortunately I drove it into the water on the ninth. But you know, I'm pretty happy. I think I need to pick up the pace over the weekend and give Ernie a run."

Filipino Juvic Pagunsan, who held a share of the lead after a 67 in the first round, carded a three-over-par 74 for a 217, good for a share of 26th spot.

The 27-year-old Pagunsan made the turn at 34 after five birdies, but after a par on the 10th, stumbled with five bogeys in his next six holes.

He remained to be the best-placed Filipino in the $3 million event with the eminent Frankie Miñoza shooting a 72 for a 218 aggregate.

Angelo Que shot a second straight over-par round, a 74, and dropped to eight-over 221 going into the final round today. *Reuters*

Barkley still a mouthful in Hall of Fame induction

SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS—CHARLES Barkley played the comedian during his induction into the US Basketball Hall of Fame on Friday.

"I tell people I'm 43 years old and I've never had a job. And I don't want one either," said Barkley, who has recently spoken of running for governor of his home state, Alabama.

But, behind the scenes, he also sounded a lot like a role model.

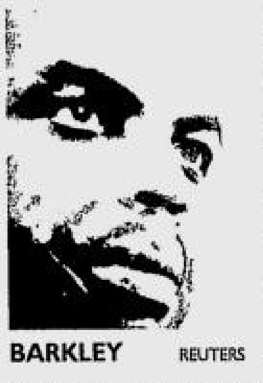
He drew laughs by thanking his financial adviser for protecting his money, but threw in a little advice for today's players.

"I tell all these young kids, the money you make, save it, put it in the bank. That money has to last you the rest of your lifetime, don't waste it," he said.

At the pre-induction news conference, he also took those players to task for a selfish style, and pointed to his own highlight films for those looking for an example of how the game should be played.

"I always tried as hard as I possibly could," Barkley said. "I like seeing that on tape. Today, they want to be stars. They don't want to be great players. We wanted to be great players."

Barkley was enshrined with two other NBA greats, Dominique Wilkins and Joe Dumars, Italian coach Sandro Gamba, former US college commissioner Dave Gavitt, and University of Connecticut women's coach Geno Auriemma.



BARKLEY REUTERS

Barkley averaged 22 points and almost 12 rebounds in 16 NBA seasons that included stops in Philadelphia, Phoenix and Houston. But it was his charismatic personality and outspoken style that made him a superstar.

He put that style on display on Friday, with one liners about not finishing his college education and being arrested several times.

"I was always acquitted," he said.

But there was a message behind the humor.

He made headlines in a 1993 Nike television spot, when he solemnly warned the audience, "I am not a role model. Parents should be role models."

He said on Friday that he was proud he started that conversation, and believes he is supposed to do great things with the fame that basketball has given him. *AP*

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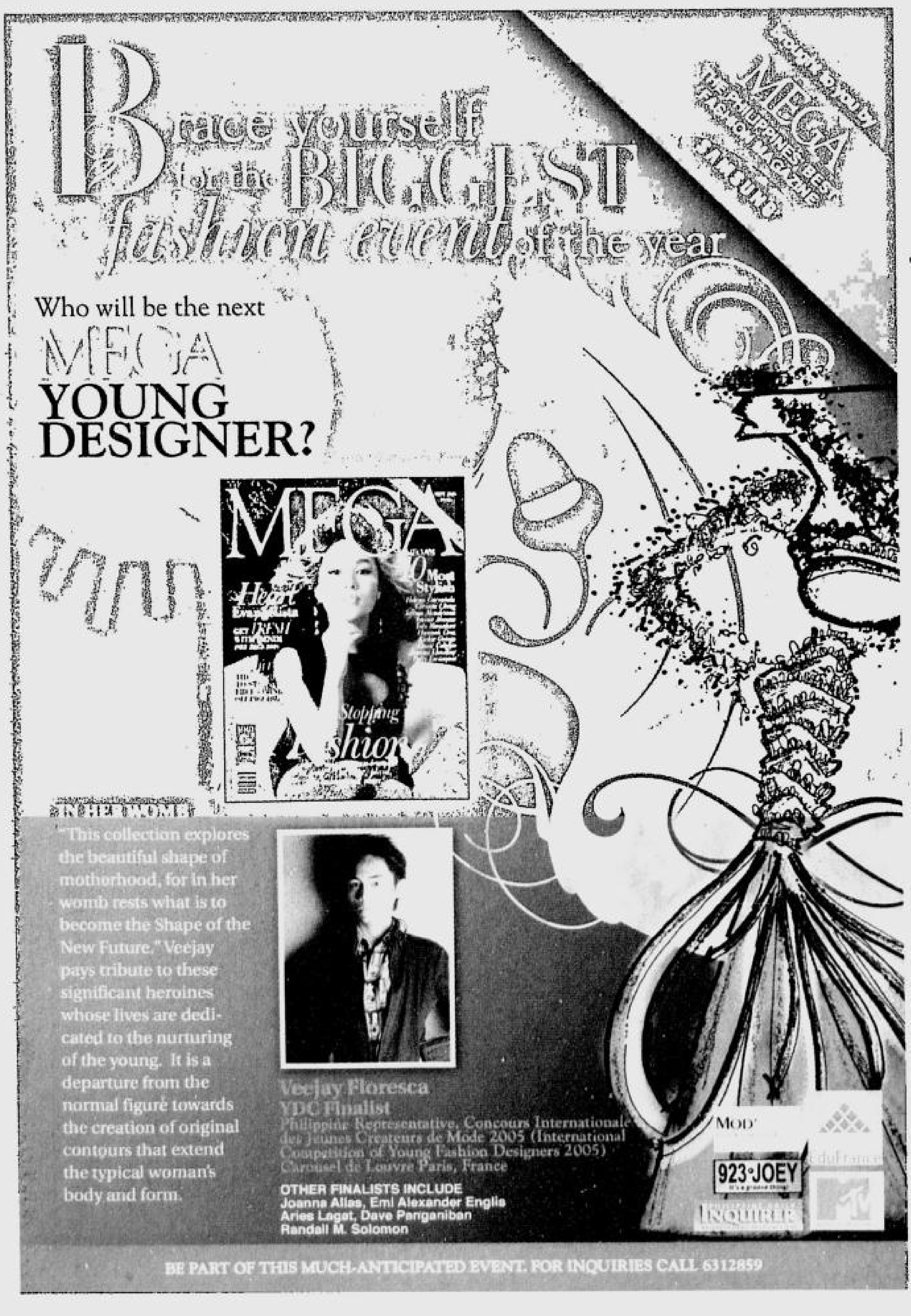

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'Ready, fire, aim'

Chinese-Filipino tried everything from garlic to eggs before going back to where he started

By Abigail L. Ho

OVER THE YEARS, the world has developed many stereotypes for the Chinese. In the Philippines, for example, most Chinese are perceived to be rich—because some of the richest men in country are Chinese-Filipinos Henry Sy, John Gokongwei Jr., Lucio Tan, George Ty, Andrew Gotianun.

MG Mining and Energy Corp. chair and chief executive Frederick Lu wasn't able to escape some of those stereotypes.

FREDERICK Lu

As a young man, he lived the typical Chinese life. For one, his family had a hardware store. For another, he had to mind it starting at a very young age—a typical Chinese family business set-up.

The early exposure to business instilled in him the value of hard work, the instinct to spot good opportunities, and the courage to plunge into something that could very possibly fail.

Starting from the bottom

After graduating from John

New Anvaya Cove neighborhood offers intimate brushes with nature

A community that allows its residents to live close to wooded areas, the soothing sounds of a brook and other natural amenities and while enjoying intimate ties with one another is the vision behind Wood Park - the newest neighborhood in Anvaya Cove. Anvaya Cove is Ayala Land Premier's 1st leisure seaside development located in Morong, Bataan.

The seven-hectare neighborhood which has an elevation ranging from 50 to 70 meters is also dotted with parkia javanica or cupang trees. It is a short drive away from Ilingin Cove and the amenities of the Nature Club. "Wood Park has been designed as a nature retreat where one can enjoy a hilly environment and at the same time have quick access to beach and sea amenities," according to Bong Gonzalez, project development manager.

Wood Park is one of several neighborhoods in Anvaya Cove - each with its own distinct features. Set in a lush, open area, this neighborhood has a brook running through the property also has glimpses of the sea and sunset.

The Brookside lots run parallel to the brook lined by mature trees and shrubs. A bridge crossing the brook provides a sweeping view of the area. On the southern part of the neighborhood are the Greenview lots which offer a vista of lush open spaces in undulating terrain. The Leisure lots provide homeowners a sunset view.

To further enhance the neighborhood's courtside view of the fading, afternoon sun, planners of Wood Park has located a Sunset Park at the heart of the neighborhood. Wood Park's Sunset Drive will naturally offer motorists and promenaders glimpses of the sea and the natural finale of many Anvaya afternoons.

Like the rest of the Anvaya neighborhoods, Wood Park will be a fenceless community. Homeowners will be strongly discouraged from erecting the usual cement fences that traditionally border one's property line and dampen social interaction among neighbors. "We want Wood Park and the other Anvaya neighborhoods to be a departure from the usual developments where people just come and go without bothering to know one another."

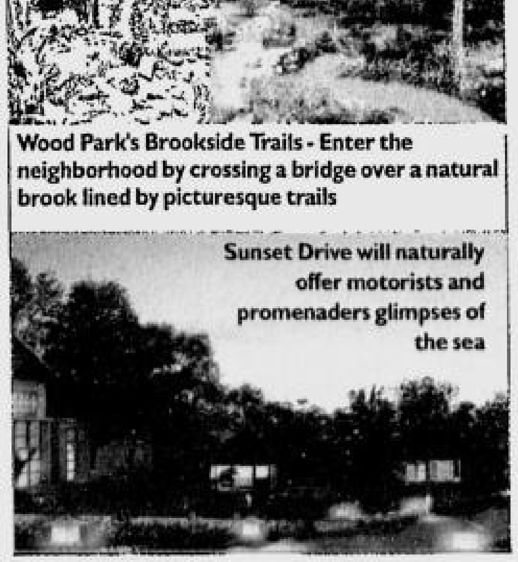
The smaller lot cuts, which range from 400 to 561 sqm, bring the homeowners physically closer to one another and give Wood Park its distinct, cozy charm. The natural appeal of the place will likewise encourage residents to spend most of their time outdoors.

Wood Park is located at the southeast portion of Anvaya Cove. It will have its own neighborhood entrance to maintain its exclusivity and security.

Aside from Wood Park, Anvaya Cove is ready to turnover lots to homeowners at the Cliffside, the first neighborhood in the sprawling leisure community. Anvaya Cove's most prime product- The Seaside Villas is under construction.

For more information about Anvaya Cove, please call 728-7000 or visit its website at www.anvayacove.com or www.ayalalandpremier.com.

Wood Park's Brookside Trails - Enter the neighborhood by crossing a bridge over a natural brook lined by picturesque trails


Sunset Drive will naturally offer motorists and promenaders glimpses of the sea

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Creating an air of well-being

FOR ROMY SIA, managing director and Christian Tan, president of health food and natural product store, Healthy Options, change is not only inevitable, it is, well, healthy.

"While it could be unsettling to some," Sia writes in the company's lifestyle newsdigest, "We believe it's important in a business."

As Healthy Options marked its 10th year anniversary last year, the company's new corporate office and warehouse in Libis is a case in point.

A collaborative design of Sia and architect and designer consultant, Wildrid Nicholo Magcase, the 560-square-meter corporate office and 1,300-square-meter warehouse "represents a well-established company and the policy of management to give the best working atmosphere to its employees," says Magcase.

Sia, who spends as many as 14 hours a day in the office, calls the move to Libis from their old Sta. Mesa location "a nice progress after 10 years. We'd like to give our staff something nice, to feel that this place belongs to them."

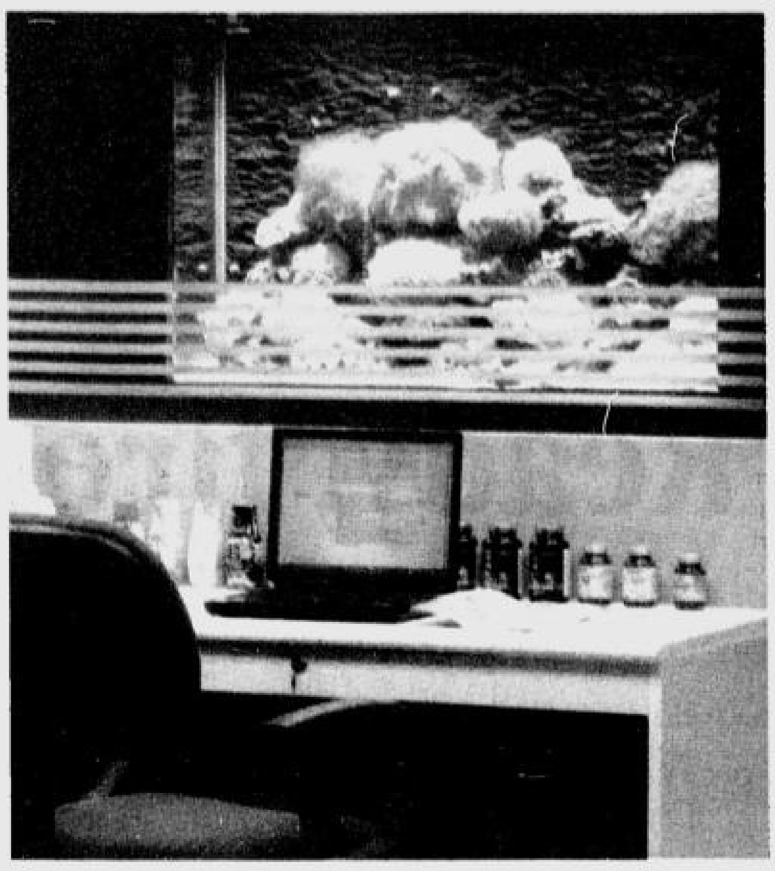
For this year, Healthy Options opened three new branches—SM Clark in Pampanga, SM Mall of Asia in Pasay City and SM Sta. Rosa in Laguna.

With 12 outlets and counting, Healthy Options in the last 10 years has consistently promoted all-natural health and well-being in its vitamins and supplements, food and personal care products—and now its store interiors too.

"Health is important, but it's not like shopping for fashion," says Sia. "We want to give our customers a store experience that makes them feel at home and comfortable even in an upscale and contemporary surrounding."

At Healthy Options stores, vitamins, supplements and food products are categorized and neatly placed in wall shelves, leaving the floor free, for customers to comfortably check out the merchandise. Personal care and other food products are placed in curved shelves that form a circle in the center of the room. Lighting systems simulate a bright, sunny day, or a shade that makes clients' complexion more attractive.

The nature theme is apparent in the store that prides itself in its all-natural and organic products. Healthy Options trademark light green color (which shifts from teal to sage to citrus) complements the wood accents ranging from the santol tree trunk on the center of Healthy Options Clark and Mall of Asia's floor, to the grainy Zembrano vinyl on the new stores' shelves.



AQUARIUM STATION. From the work station area, one can view the colorful and refreshing aquarium encased in wood veneer.

'Ready, fire, aim'

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Adams High School in Indiana, he went from "bantay hardware" duty to becoming a salesman—still for the family's hardware business.

"Even if we owned the business, I still became a salesman, selling all the usual wares: Nails, hammers, everything. My life revolved around this area in Cubao (where our hardware was). And I earned my keep. I wasn't given any allowance in college, so I really had to work," he recalls.

Since his pay was just enough to finance his needs as a college student at the Ateneo de Manila University, he said he had to find other ways to make extra money.

Lu resorted to all sorts of businesses, from selling garlic and vegetables to buying and selling used cars.

The garlic business, he says, was particularly interesting as it failed miserably right at the very beginning.

He related that he and a friend were told that there was a huge demand for garlic in Metro Manila and that they could cash in on that demand by getting garlic from the province and bringing it back to the metro.

"So we drove to Ilocos Sur and got ourselves a lot of garlic, only to find out when we were about to sell it that retailers wanted the garlic already peeled. We weren't about to start peeling all that garlic, so we just accepted that it was a lost cause," he recalls with a laugh.

He then went on to buying and selling cars, which ended up as another resounding flop.

The business should have been okay, he says, if not for his desire to please his buyers with the cars he was selling.

"I wanted to please them so much that I ended up spending more to fix the cars than what I actually got when I sold them. So that business went down as well," he relates.

He also dabbled in selling vegetables, even winning a bid to supply vegetables to the Department of Social Welfare and Development. This, too, wasn't such a great success.

"The vegetables were no longer fresh when they got to Manila, so we had to get new vegetables from the province in order to fulfill the order. So I quit that business as well," he says.

After agricultural produce, he also ended up selling eggs, "which did make money, actually—around 10 centavos per egg."

Back to the beginning

In short, Lu says none of his ventures proved to be resounding successes and none became his stepping stone to something bigger. Until his mom died of cancer—a turning point not only in his life, but in his career as well.

The death of his mom after a 12-year bout with cancer forced Lu back into the family business. Little did he know at that time that the hardware business, where he began was the break he had been waiting for as an entrepreneur.

"Nothing beats the family business," he says. "Because you already have all the connections and all the know-how, taught to you even at a very young age."

Helping his father grow the business proved to be the most fulfilling act for his career as, only in his 20s, he already found himself expanding into construction.

Only on his third year in college, he relates that he was already bidding for government projects—small ones, at first, such as basketball courts and bathrooms. Which then expanded to sidewalks and private sector projects such as hangars, department stores and even some duty free shops in Clark Field, Pampanga.

The business grew so quickly that he had to quit school at one point, "because I was already making money."

Eventually, at 25, he says his construction business started getting involved in even bigger projects, including roads and school buildings.

"I just saw the opportunity and I grabbed it. I figured we already have a hardware so it would make sense to go into construction, and that proved successful," he said. "You have to see the opportunity when it's there."

His companies include Bulwark Construction, Accent Builders and Dev't Corp. Valiant Trading Corp.

Opportunity knocks again

After making much headway in the construction business, another opportunity knocked—one that was borne out of necessity at the time.

He relates that when his Murphy Hardware and Construction Supply Inc. started doing projects for big-name developers such as Filinvest Land, Ayala Land and Camella-Palmera, cement prices started to escalate.

"We wanted to control the price of cement somehow, so when one cement company asked us to look for coal sources for their operations, we started to explore the coal business," he says.

At first, he says the coal business he had in mind was focused on importing coal from Indonesia. This proved expensive, however, so a local supplier had to be found. This seemed to be the better set-up, until the coal supplier that Lu and his company got failed to deliver.

That was when he thought of entering the mining business.

"A small mining operation, producing only around 2,000-5,000 metric tons of coal, can be done by someone without any mining experience. So I gave it a shot," he says, relating the origin of MG Mining.

The company now has three coal operating contract areas in Bislig, Surigao del Sur; Argao, Cebu, and Lake Sebu, South Cotabato. It also has an application for an operating contract in San Miguel, Surigao del Sur.

"We have all these areas, and we're already supplying the demand of some cement companies. So we sought some advice on what else to do, and that's how the new energy business came to be," he says.

New baby

Sultan Energy Philippines Corp. is Lu's newest baby, one that he is nurturing into something big with industry veteran Rufino Bomasang, former president of the Philippine National Oil Co. Exploration Corp.

While considered a newbie in the energy sector, Lu says he wasn't scared at all to meet head on all the challenges that the industry would present. He had the right people backing him up, after all.

"My principle has always been 'ready, fire, aim.' Some businesses never actually materialize because people spend too much time on the 'aim' part. For me, I'd rather fire first before aiming. After all, I'm not afraid to fail," he says.

"I always grab the opportunity when it's there. I see opportunity everywhere. You have to have that eye—look forward to the unknown, go as far as you can go. You never know what lies at the end. Maybe there's success there. But if there isn't, then try again, learn from your mistakes," he adds.

At present, the man who's not afraid to fail is taking one baby step at a time in his newly discovered industry. Sultan Energy plans to build a 200-megawatt minemount power plant in its coal properties in Sultan Kudarat. It also aims to enter into the renewable energy sector in the future.

But these, Lu says, were still part of his journey. Who knows? There might just be another good opportunity lurking in the shadows, waiting to be discovered.

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F.A. 187 sqm.
Skyland Condo. (near Phil. Axa Life)
Original Price: P 9,265,000
Auction Price: P 9,265,000

MANDALUYONG

PSB_MAN018 2 RESIDENTIAL CONDO
F.A. 43 sqm. (near Kalentong)
HORIZON CITY FLATS CONDO.
Original Price: P 1,420,000
Auction Price: P 1,276,000

PSB_MAN019 RESIDENTIAL CONDO
F.A. 26 sqm. (near Punta Bridge)
Centennial Townhomes, Nanrahan St.
Mabini
Original Price: P 780,000
Auction Price: P 650,000

PSB_MAN019A RESIDENTIAL CONDO
F.A. 30 sqm. (near Punta Bridge)
Centennial Townhomes,
Nanrahan St. Mabini
Original Price: P 900,000
Auction Price: P 750,000

PSB_MAN020 OFC CONDO. w/ PRKG
F.A. 37.76 sqm. (near Robinsons Pioneer)
PIONEER HIGHLANDS CONDO
Original Price: P 2,090,000
Auction Price: P 1,771,600

PSB_MAN128 COMMERCIAL CONDO
F.A. 161.29 sqm.
Summit One Condo. Tower, Shaw Blvd.
Original Price: P 5,655,000
Auction Price: P 4,241,250

MUNTINLUPA

PSB_MUN021 COMMERCIAL CONDO
F.A. 188 sqm. (w/in Alabang comml area)
AREVALO CONDO., Montillano St.,
Alabang
Original Price: P 4,700,000
Auction Price: P 3,525,000

PSB_MUN022 RESIDENTIAL LOT
L.A. 438 sqm. (near Muntinlupa Cityhall)
SOUTH GREEN HEIGHTS VILL.
Original Price: P 1,850,000
Auction Price: P 1,387,500

PSB_MUN023 3-DOOR APARTMENT
L.A. 179 sqm. F.A. 328 sqm.
CAMELLA HOMES, Putatan
Original Price: P 2,706,000
Auction Price: P 2,224,800

PARAÑAQUE

PSB_PRQ028 RESIDENTIAL CONDO.
F.A. 135 sqm. (near Int'l/Domestic Airport)
BAYVIEW INT'L TOWERS, Tambo
Original Price: P 4,050,000
Auction Price: P 3,800,000

PSB_PRQ029 RESIDENTIAL CONDO.
F.A. 193.87 sqm. (near Int'l/Domestic Airport)
TROPICANA VILLA, Quirino Ave., Tambo
Original Price: P 4,847,000
Auction Price: P 3,635,250

PASIG

PSB_PSG030 COMMERCIAL LOT
L.A. 4,082 sqm.
Shaw Blvd., San Clemente St., KAPITOLYO
Original Price: P 135,000,000
Auction Price: P 130,000,000

QUEZON CITY

PSB_QC032 5-STRY HSE & LOT w/ ATTIC
L.A. 540 sqm. F.A. 837.86 sqm.
Victoria Ave., NEW MANILA
Original Price: P 23,750,000
Auction Price: P 20,000,000

PSB_QC033 2-STRY HSE & LOT w/ WRHSE
L.A. 1,384 sqm. F.A. 1,181 sqm.
New Nitang St. cor. San Bartolome,
NOVALICHES
Original Price: P 14,100,000
Auction Price: P 10,576,000

PSB_QC034 HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 1,376 sqm. F.A. 277 sqm.
COUPER ST. Brgy. Paltok, San
Francisco de Monte
Original Price: P 17,490,000
Auction Price: P 15,000,000

RIZAL PROVINCE

PSB_RIZ036 HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 240 sqm. F.A. 132 sqm.
Adeline Homes, Maybancal, MORONG
Original Price: P 1,100,000
Auction Price: P 825,000

PSB_RIZ037 RSD'L LOT
L.A. 240 sqm. (near San Jose Market)
AMITYVILLE SUBD. San Jose Montalban
Original Price: P 120,000
Auction Price: P 96,000

SAN JUAN

PSB_SJ130 RSD'L LOT
L.A. 341 sqm.
San Mariano St.Brgy. Progreso
Original Price: P 4,100,000
Auction Price: P 3,500,000

TAYTAY

PSB_TAY039 HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 620 sqm. F.A. 635 sqm.
TANCINCO SUBD. San Isidro
Original Price: P 2,250,000
Auction Price: P 1,800,000

VALENZUELA

PSB_VAL040 HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 204 sqm. F.A. 324 sqm.
SAN FRANCISCO DEL MONTE SUBD.
Original Price: P 3,000,000
Auction Price: P 2,250,000

BATANGAS
0917-5443063

PSB_BAT043 RSD'L LOT
L.A. 1,450 sqm. (near Brgy. Hall)
Brgy. Bagong Sikat, LEMERY
Original Price: P 2,920,000
Auction Price: P 2,190,000

PSB_BAT044 RSD'L LOT
L.A. 300 sqm.
(near Bagong Sikat Brgy. Hall)
Bonifacio St., LEMERY
Original Price: P 960,000
Auction Price: P 720,000

PSB_BAT045 RSD'L LOT
L.A. 296 sqm
(near Bagong Sikat Brgy. Hall)
Bonifacio St., LEMERY
Original Price: P 947,200
Auction Price: P 710,400

PSB_BAT131 RSD'L LOT
L.A. 3,985 sqm.
R. Diokno St., Poblacion,Taal
Original Price: P 1,196,000
Auction Price: P 897,000

PSB_BAT047 RSD'L LOTS
L.A. 750 sqm. (near Bulacnin Brgy. Hall)
Lipa Countryside Estate, Lipa City
Original Price: P 750,000
Auction Price: P675,000

PSB_BAT047A RSD'L LOTS
L.A. 753 sqm (near Bulacnin Brgy. Hall)
Lipa Countryside Estate, Lipa City
Original Price: P 1,506,000
Auction Price: P 1,129,500

PSB_BAT048 HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 750/750 sqm. F.A. 150/ 127.52
sqm (near Bulacnin Brgy. Hall)
LIPA COUNTRYSIDE ESTATE, Bulacnin,
Lipa City
Original Price: P 2,500,000/P 1,770,000
Auction Price: P 1,875,000/P 1,425,000

PSB_BAT050 HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 1,751 sqm. F.A. 452 sqm.
(near San Jose Chapel)
Bo. Rd. San Jose, LIPA CITY
Original Price: P 3,364,000
Auction Price: P 2,523,000

PSB_BAT051 RESIDENTIAL LOTS
L.A. 150 sqm. (near
Jollibee/McDonalds)
Las Villas De Aguila Subd. Po. Lemery
Original Price: P 438,950
Auction Price: P 375,000

PSB_BAT051 RSD'L LOTS
L.A. 175 sqm. (near
Jollibee/McDonalds)
Las Villas De Aguila Subd. Po. Lemery
Original Price: P 490,000
Auction Price: P 437,500

PSB_BAT054 AGRI-LOT
L.A. 124,230 sqm.
Brgy. Utod, NASUGBU
Original Price: P 5,863,000
Auction Price: P 4,397,250

PSB_BAT132 COMM'L BLDG.
L.A. 285 sqm. F.A. 309 sqm.
(fronting Bat. City High Schl.)
Rizal Ave. cor. P.Gonzalo Pob.
Original Price: P 10,000,000
Auction Price: P 8,500,000

BULACAN
TEXT 0927-3333733

PSB_BUL058 RSDL LOT
L.A. 1,229 sqm. (along NIA Road)
Int. lol of San Juan BALAGTAS
Original Price: P 615,000
Auction Price: P 523,000

PSB_BUL061 INNER RSDL/COMML LOT
L.A. 1,098 sqm. (near Mc.Arthur Village)
Iba-Longos Road, Longos, MALOLOS
Original Price: P 1,518,000
Auction Price: P 1,168,830

PSB_BUL062 HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 393 sqm. F.A. 265 sqm.
Provincial Rd. cor. Bo. Rd. Longos,
MALOLOS
Original Price: P 1,800,000
Auction Price: P 1,513,000

PSB_BUL064 HOUSE & LOT w/ WRHSE
L.A. 1,900 sqm. F.A. 981 sqm.
(near Bungahan Brgy. Hall)
Prov. Rd. Bo. Bungahan, MALOLOS
Original Price: P 5,144,000
Auction Price: P 3,910,500

PSB_BUL065 RSD'L LOT
L.A. 7,231 sqm. (near Market Place)
Dr RM Pascual St. Poblacion NORZAGARAY
Original Price: P 3,616,000
Auction Price: P 2,712,000

PSB_BUL066 HOUSE & LOT w/ WRHSE
L.A. 1,001 sqm. F.A. 562 sqm.
(near Shell Station)
Bo. San Jose Patag, STA. MARIA
Original Price: P 3,221,000
Auction Price: P 2,625,500

PSB_BUL067 RSD'L LOT
L.A. 249 sqm.
Masagana Homes II Subd.
San Francisco, TABANG
Original Price: P 450,000
Auction Price: P 337,500

PSB_BUL068 RSD'L LOT
L.A. 4,706 sqm.
(back of Elementary School)
Victor De Leon St. BONGA MENOR BUSTOS
Original Price: P 3,280,000
Auction Price: P 3,058,800

PSB_BUL069 RSD'L LOT
L.A. 200 sqm. (back of Shell Station)
Brgy. Rd. Bo Sta. Clara STA. MARIA
Original Price: P 180,000
Auction Price: P 162,000

PSB_BUL070 2 RSDL LOT
L.A. 713 sqm.
Green Plains Subd. Marcos, CALUMPIT
Original Price: P 2,140,000
Auction Price: P 1,605,000

PSB_BUL071 2 STRY. HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 826 sqm. F.A. 228 sqm.
(back of Baliuag Circle)
Vergel de Dios St. Pob. BALIUAG
Original Price: P 12,390,000
Auction Price: P 10,738,000

PSB_BUL072 RSDL LOT
L.A. 200 sqm. (inside Cityland Subd)
GREEN BREEZE SUBD. Sta. Maria
Original Price: P 160,000
Auction Price: P 150,000

CAVITE
TEXT 0918-9048230

PSB_CVT073 2 RESIDENTIAL LOTS
L.A. 400 sqm.
Burol, DASMARIÑAS
Original Price: P 480,000
Auction Price: P 360,000

PSB_CVT074 RESIDENTIAL LOTS
L.A. 200 sqm.
Brgy. Burol III, DBB Area C,
Dasmariñas, Cavite
Original Price: P 200,000
Auction Price: P 140,000

PSB_CVT074A RESIDENTIAL LOTS
L.A. 473 sqm.
Brgy. Burol III, DBB Area C,
Dasmariñas, Cavite
Original Price: P 473,000
Auction Price: P 331,100

PSB_CVT075 2 RESIDENTIAL LOTS
L.A. 400 sqm.
Brgy. Rd. Bangkal, DASMARIÑAS
Original Price: P 400,000
Auction Price: P 320,000

PSB_CVT076 RESIDENTIAL LOT
L.A. 1,163 sqm.
(near Inteligencia Montessori)
Acacia Ave. Bo. Bangkal DASMARIÑAS
Original Price: P 2,366,000
Auction Price: P 1,774,500

PSB_CVT077 RESIDENTIAL LOT
L.A. 2,168 sqm. (near Municipal Hall)
A. Mabini St. Poblacion, INDANG
Original Price: P 2,000,000
Auction Price: P 1,732,8000

PSB_CVT078 RESIDENTIAL LOT
L.A. 250 sqm. (near Paradise Garden)
METRO SOUTH SUBD. Gen. Trias
Original Price: P 725,000
Auction Price: P 650,000

PSB_CVT079 RSDL LOT
L.A. 150 sqm.
Varmont St.METRO SOUTH SUBD.
Gen. Trias
Original Price: P 450,000
Auction Price: P 337,500

PSB_CVT080 COMML BLDG.
L.A. 200 sqm. F.A. 668 sqm.
(near San Gabriel Elem School)
CONGRESSIONAL RD GMA
Original Price: P 5,092,000
Auction Price: P 4,540,000

PSB_CVT133 2-STRY. HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 100 sqm. F.A. 175 sqm.
Alloy Bagong Bayan Sto. Cristo,
Dasmariñas
Original Price: P 850,000
Auction Price: P 750,000

PSB_CVT082 RESIDENTIAL LOT
L.A. 759 sqm.
THE ORCHARD GOLF & COUNTRY
CLUB, Dasmariñas
Original Price: P 2,365,000
Auction Price: P 2,049,300

PSB_CVT084 RESIDENTIAL LOT
L.A. 120 sqm. (near Colegio De Saltran)
SOUTH GARDEN HOMES, Dasmariñas
Original Price: P 420,000
Auction Price: P 315,000

PSB_CVT134 AGRI LOT
L.A. 14,319 sqm.
Ragatan St. Anabu Imus
Original Price: P 14,000,000
Auction Price: P 11,000,000

PSB_CVT087 6-DOOR TOWNHOUSE
L.A. 531 sqm. (near Kalipayan Resort)
SOUTHWOOD VILLAS, Dasmariñas
Original Price: P 6,220,000
Auction Price: P 5,287,000

PSB_CVT088 RESIDENTIAL LOT
L.A. 188 sqm. (near Guzman College)
TOWN & COUNTRY SUBD. Dasmariñas
Original Price: P 601,600
Auction Price: P 451,200

PSB_CVT089 RSDL LOT
L.A. 179 sqm. (near Guzman College)
TOWN & COUNTRY SUBD.Dasmariñas
Original Price: P 572,800
Auction Price: P 429,600

PSB_CVT090 RSDL LOT
L.A. 206 sqm. (near FRC Mall)
VISTA VERDE SOUTH, Mambog, Bacoor
Original Price: P 721,000
Auction Price: P 597,400

PSB_CVT091 RAWLAND
L.A. 32,702 sqm. (near Paramount Homes)
NIA Rd. Brgy. GEN TRIAS
Original Price: P 11,719,000
Auction Price: P 8,789,250

PSB_CVT092 RSDL LOT
L.A. 297 sqm. (near Integ. Schl. of Science)
Brgy. Magdalo (formerly Brgy.Putol)
KAWIT
Original Price: P 691,000
Auction Price: P 663,100

LAGUNA
TEXT 0919-5801558

PSB_LGN095 RESIDENTIAL LOT
L.A. 16,272 sqm.
Parksburg Ave. METROPOLIS SUBD.,
San Pablo City
Original Price: P 9,763,000
Auction Price: P 7,322,250

PSB_LGN097 RESIDENTIAL LOT
L.A. 1,400 sqm.
San Pablo National Rd. STA. MARIA
MAGDALENA
Original Price: P 1,120,000
Auction Price: P 840,000

PSB_LGN098 RESIDENTIAL LOTS
L.A. 2,175 sqm.
(beside Hidden Valley Resort)
Paradise Valley Resort & Equestrian
Centre, Hidden Valley Rd. Limao Calauan
Original Price: P 1,740,000
Auction Price: P 1,522,500

PSB_LGN098A RSDL LOTS
L.A. 2,500 sqm.
(beside Hidden Valley Resort)
Paradise Valley Resort & Equestrian
Centre, Hidden Valley Rd. Limao Calauan
Original Price: P 2,000,000
Auction Price: P 1,750,000

PSB_LGN099 UNFINISHED HSE & LOT
L.A. 649 sqm. (near Villa Olympia)
STONECREST SUBD. San Pedro
Original Price: P 6,170,000
Auction Price: P 4,627,500

PSB_LGN100 RSDL LOT
L.A. 269 sqm.
Berlin St. CALAMBA HILLS
Original Price: P 810,000
Auction Price: P 672,500

PSB_LGN101 2 STRY. HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 150 sqm. F.A. 251 sqm.
OLIVAREZ SUBD. San Roque, San Pedro
Original Price: P 2,100,000
Auction Price: P 1,575,000

PSB_LGN102 RSDL LOTS
L.A. 106 sqm.
Meralco Vill. San Lucas, San Pablo City
Original Price: P 212,000
Auction Price: P 159,000

PSB_LGN102A RSDL LOTS
L.A. 115 sqm.
Meralco Vill. San Lucas, San Pablo City
Original Price: P 230,000
Auction Price: P 172,500

PSB_LGN135 RSD'L LOT
L.A. 194 sqm.
Footpath Tubigan Biñan
Original Price: P 388,000
Auction Price: P 320,000

PSB_LGN104 COMML LOT
L.A. 375 sqm. (near Biñan Natl High Schl)
Gen. Capinpin St., Poblacion, BIÑAN
Original Price: P 4,800,000
Auction Price: P 3,600,000

PSB_LGN105 RSDL LOT
L.A. 517 sqm. (near San Pablo Hospital)
GREEN VALLEY SUBD.
Original Price: P 1,300,000
Auction Price: P 975,000

PSB_LGN106 COMML LOT
L.A. 2,903 sqm. (near NPC Sub Station)
National H-way,Brgy Tubigan, BIÑAN
Original Price: P 28,400,000
Auction Price: P 21,300,000

NUEVA ECIJA
TEXT 0915-6002733

PSB_NE109 RSDL LOT
L.A. 180 sqm. (near Natividad Homes)
MAGSAYSAY PARK SUBD. Kalikid
Sur, Cabanatuan City
Original Price: P 72,000.00
Auction Price: P 54,000.00

PSB_NE110 RICE MILL
L.A. 3,568 sqm. F.A. 494 sqm.
(near Pantasian Bridge)
Provincial Rd. Sto. Niño 2 SAN JOSE
Original Price: P 6,425,000
Auction Price: P 4,818,750

PSB_NE111 RSDL LOT
L.A. 95 sqm.
(near Villaroman Forest Resort)
Twin Hearts Subd. Brgy. Sto. Tomas
San Jose City
Original Price: P143,000
Auction Price: P 142,500

PSB_NE111A RSDL LOT
L.A. 125 sqm.
(near Villaroman Forest Resort)
Twin Hearts Subd. Brgy. Sto. Tomas
San Jose City
Original Price: P188,000
Auction Price: P 187,500

PAMPANGA
TEXT 0921-6722888

PSB_PAM112 AGRI LOT
L.A. 5,000 sqm.
(near Nipa Hut Ihaw-Ihaw)
Along Sta. Ana-Arayat, STA. ANA
Original Price: P 6,250,000
Auction Price: P 4,687,500

PANGASINAN
TEXT 0915-4348252

PSB_PNG113 RSDL LOT
L.A. 1,805 sqm.
Pintac St. Bo. Cayanga SAN FABIAN
Original Price: P 1,400,000
Auction Price: P 1,283,500

QUEZON PROVINCE
TEXT 0920-9222495

PSB_QP114 RSDL LOT
L.A. 334 sqm.
(near Candelaria Town Proper)
Bo. Masin Candelaria, Quezon Province
Original Price: P 183,700
Auction Price: P 137,775

PSB_QP114A RSDL LOT
L.A. 344 sqm.
(near Candelaria Town Proper)
Bo. Masin Candelaria, Quezon Province
Original Price: P 206,000
Auction Price: P 154,500

PSB_QP115 RSDL LOT
L.A. 353 sqm.
Bo. Tagbakin, ATIMONAN
Original Price: P 500,000
Auction Price: P 375,000

TARLAC
TEXT 0927-7981340

PSB_TAR116 RSDL LOT
L.A.2,379 sqm.
SINAIT-SAN ISIDRO RD. Brgy. San Isidro
Original Price: P 1,905,000
Auction Price: P 1,546,350

PSB_TAR117 HOTEL & RESORT
L.A.4,976 sqm. F.A. 1,148 sqm.
(near Total Service Station)
VILLA KRISTAL, Nam Kuang Rd. Gerona
Original Price: P 7,800,000
Auction Price: P 6,602,000

PSB_TAR118 COMML LOT
L.A. 1,008 sqm. (near Allied Bank)
F. Tañedo St. Bo. Tibay Tarlac St.
SAN NICOLAS
Original Price: P 15,700,000
Auction Price: P 15,512,000

PSB_TAR120 RSDL LOT
L.A. 1,505 sqm.
(near San Nicolas Brgy. Hall)
M.H. Del Pilar, Brgy. SAN NICOLAS
Original Price: P 11,139,000
Auction Price: P 8,354,250

PSB_TAR121 HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 3,580 sqm. F.A. 270 sqm.
(near San Nicolas Brgy. Hall)
M.H. Del Pilar, Brgy. SAN NICOLAS
Original Price: P 12,639,200
Auction Price: P 11,010,000

PSB_TAR122 RSDL LOT
L.A. 1,000 sqm
(near San Nicolas Brgy. Hall)
M.H. Del Pilar, Brgy. SAN NICOLAS
Original Price: P 6,250,000
Auction Price: P 4,687,500

PSB_TAR123 RSDL LOT
L.A. 635 sqm (along Romulo Highway)
NAGSABARAN, SAN CLEMENTE
Original Price: P 531,000
Auction Price: P 444,500

PSB_TAR124 RSDL LOT
L.A. 997 sqm. (along Romulo Highway)
Romulo Joaquin Compd.
NAGSABARAN, SAN CLEMENTE
Original Price: P 599,000
Auction Price: P 548,350

PSB_TAR125 HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 341 sqm. F.A. 160 sqm.
Burgos St. Brgy. Burgos, MONCADA
Original Price: P 320,000
Auction Price: P 272,800

VISAYAS

BACOLOD
TEXT 0921-4488869

PSB_BAC041 RSD'L LOT
L.A. 1,500 sqm. (near Gardenville Subd.)
FLORENCEVILLE SUBD.
Original Price: P 1,200,000
Auction Price: P 1,125,000

PSB_BAC042 RSD'L LOT
L.A. 1,000 sqm. (near Rosario Heights)
OLD PUENTEVILLA SUBD. Brgy. Taculing
Original Price: P 1,000,000
Auction Price: P 950,000

ILOILO
TEXT 0920-6186282

PSB_ILO094 HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 164 sqm. F.A. 206 sqm.
(near St. Alphonsus Subd.)
PETALSVILLE SUBD. Jaro Dist.
Original Price: P 1,300,000
Auction Price: P 1,185,000

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Top dining trends in '06

BIZTRAVEL

By Sandra Garcia
Contributor

TRAVELING AND DINING ALWAYS GO TOgether and for the discriminating business travelers, Benchmark Hospitality International and www.foodtourist.com share their top picks.

Benchmark's top 5 dining trends for 2006

Trend 1. Diets are passé

It's no longer about my favorite South Beach Diet or Atkin's…the trend now is balanced alternatives instead of diets. It's now all about low trans fat, reduced portions with smaller plates. It's now all about wise choices and rich flavor instead of the stereotype "no or low carbs or selections of nonprocessed food planned to help the body burn properly."

According to Bob Zapatelli, VP- F&B of Benchmark, "today's menus are about the total experience—fresh ingredients, taste, proper digestion—just the way nature intended it to be. Chefs increasingly look now at cuisine from a dietitian's point of view. Balanced health is as important as flavor and artistry."

Trend 2. Nothing beats home-made

We know that when its home-made, it's got to be hand-tossed, pulled, kneaded and milled and then prepared with the freshest organic ingredients fresh from the kitchen garden—and this is exactly what is the "in thing" in home style healthy dining.

It's also now all about grilling, smoking, poaching, baking with the use of fresh herbs and healthy oils for robust flavors. No more sautéing and frying.

Trend 3. Breakfast, breakfast, breakfast !

Daing na bangus, French toast, pancakes, *adobo* flakes, *champorado* and *tuyo*, eat breakfast and be merry all day. With the demise of low and no carb diets, breakfast has once again become a favorite treat.

Trend 4. Courses within a course

According to Benchmark, menus are moving toward total "prix fixe" dining that is rich in choice. A typical three-course meal will have a choice of several appetizers, entrees and desserts for the diner to "build."

Today's chefs are continually striving to accommodate the moving target of diners' likes and dislikes, forever reinventing flavor, texture and culinary drama—and trying not to worry about the added kitchen stress.

Trend 5. Lite and loaded with veggies

Rotisserie chicken with creamy white beans, spinach and fresh basil; fresh bay scallops with English peas, prosciuto and farfalle; pulled pork shoulder with grilled vegetables, black beans and fresh tomatoes … the trend is for lighter fare loaded with flavor and the freshest vegetables.

And classic salads as Panzanella, Salad Nicoise and the Brown Derby Chop Salad are now being transformed with fresh picked fruit and fresh baked, crusty breads.

(Benchmark Hospitality International, an independent hospitality management company based in Texas which operates resorts, conference centers, hotels and condominium resorts.)

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Resto chain transforms business calls to cash

SUN CELLULAR'S PARTNERSHIP with Gerry's Grill has resulted to increased efficiency in their day-to-day operations and savings for the popular restaurant chain.

Almost a decade in the industry, Gerry's Grill has established a name as a family and group dining place. Gerry's Grill has 21 branches, including its Union City, California branch in the USA.

Gerry's Grill Director of Operations Sonia V. Reducindo's business savvy pointed her to a partnership with Sun to provide their communication needs. Impressed with the network's irresistible and money-saving deals both for Postpaid and Prepaid subscribers like its 24/7 Call and Text Unlimited and Sun IDD Top 10, Sonia beefed up the restaurant's operations by utilizing Sun Cellular's network for her entire team.

Sun allows Sonia to stay on top of the chain's daily workload, whether by texting or calling. She can reach her staff and monitor status of supplies and stock inventory at peak hours and give out instructions for emergency banquet reservations, as if she's all over the place. In turn, Sonia is within reach of her staff 24/7.

With Sonia and her team all connected through Sun Cellular, they can translate calls or text messages into business opportunities and eventually, profit and growth. Take, for instance, one special case where a demanding client ordered dinner for 100 guests—with just one hour's notice. Sun provided the link that connected all points of coordination flying from Sonia's end to and among her staff. The result was a successful seven-course meal.

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Ostrich farming…

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content similar to chicken and turkey.

Ching explains that the reason for this is that the fats of the ostrich are only stored and lumped in one part of the body.

In the more developed markets like the US and Japan, ostrich meat is common fare in fine dining restaurants. In the Philippines, a few high-end restaurants and hotels carry the fare which has a P500 to P800 per kilo price tag.

Ching says it is not only the ostrich meat which has a growing market. There is also demand for its leather which has a unique pattern. This is made into bags, wallets and other accessories that fetch a high price.

Abroad bags made of ostrich leather can fetch up to over $500. Some known designers have been using the leather for their accessories.

Ching says Red Ostrich is still accumulating enough ostrich leather before it sells this to leather goods makers.

She adds that even the ostrich egg is in demand—not only the content but the shell itself.

The ostrich egg is very hard—even if you step on it, it will not break. Some shops, like Firma in Greenbelt, use the egg shells for lamps and other home decors.

Ching says one ostrich egg can be made into an omelet that can feed eight to ten persons.

Even the ostrich feather have their uses—fans and decorative items.

What the Red Ostrich Farm is pushing for is for more Filipinos to go into ostrich farming to answer the growing demand for its various by-products.

Ching says the Farm sells a set of three one-month old ostrich chicks for P50,000. Food of the ostrich include chicken feeds or kangkong. She says by the 18th months, these ostriches can start breeding and investments can be recovered in two years.

A minimum area of 70 to 80 square meters is what is needed. But the areas should have fences as the birds grow up to eight feet The males grow taller than the females.

Breeding season is February to October. Ching says a family of ostrich can product 600 to 800 eggs per season. The ostrich can breed for 40 years but can live up to 70 years. Ching started with three African ostriches. (For queries, call 0917-3254626 or 0917-3602180).

AN OSTRICH can yield about 30 kilos of meat

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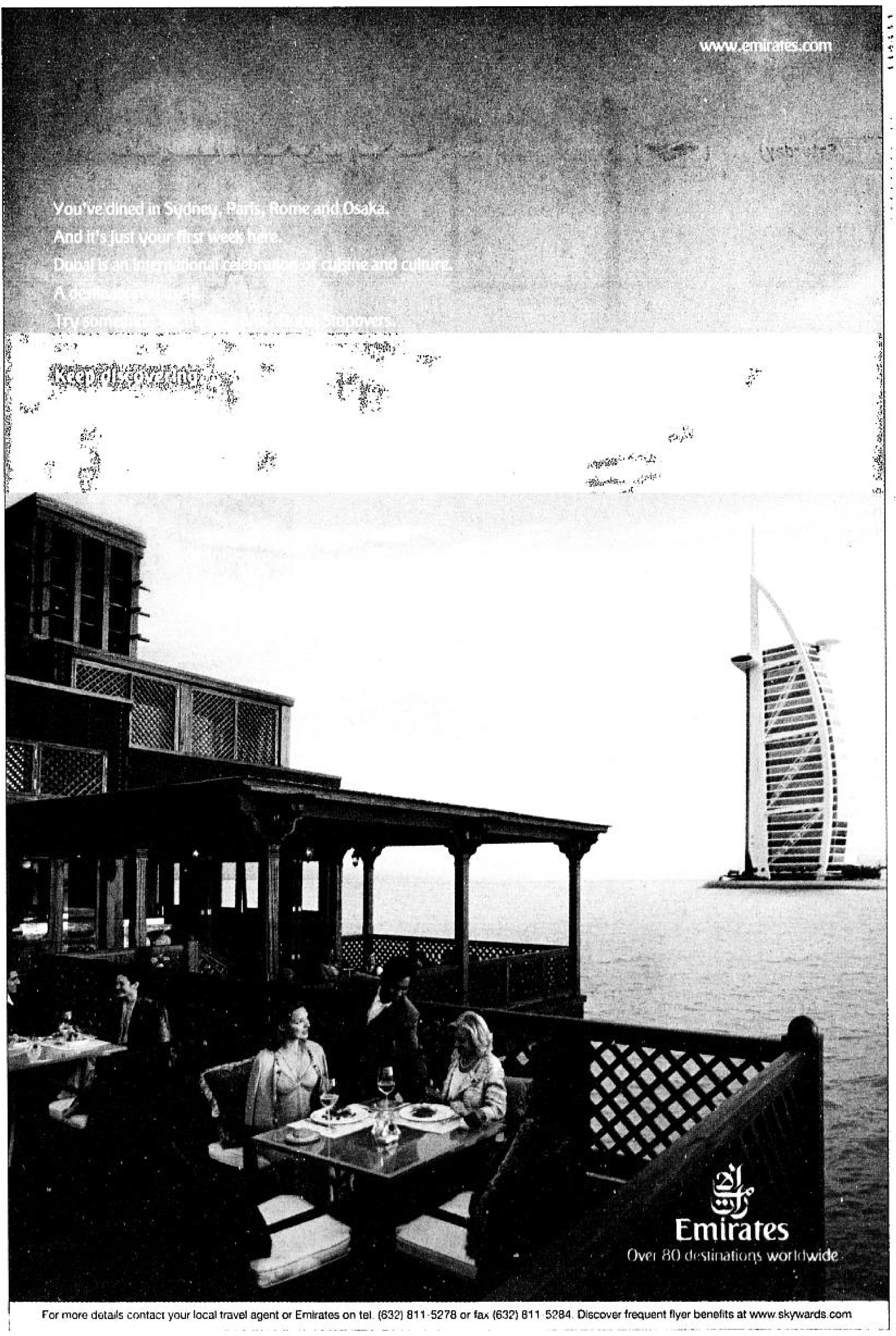

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Ostrich farming, anyone?

To start, you need two females, one male and land

By Margie Quimpo-Espino

THE FAMILY USUALLY consists of one husband and two wives. During the breeding season, they mate every day and the females lay an egg every other day (provided the eggs are removed for artificial incubation).

When they are scared or sense an enemy, they bury their heads on the ground, thinking they are safe.

We are talking of the largest bird in the world—the ostrich. These birds originate mostly from Africa.

Demand for ostrich meat, eggs, leather and feather has been growing rapidly in the world market, and more slowly, in the Philippines. Which is why over the past five years, there has been a sprouting of ostrich farms in the country—from Cagayan de Oro, Nueva Ecija, Valenzuela and Bulacan.

One of the new entrants, The Red Ostrich Farm, set up a farm in Bustos, Bulacan three years ago. The family of its owner, Joan Ching, has been in the food business for several years.

Ching's family's food business is in confectionery. She saw over the years an increasing health consciousness of the market and went about in search of healthy food. She stumbled upon ostrich meat, a low fat, low calorie, low cholesterol, high protein source that looks and tastes like beef, but has a nutritional

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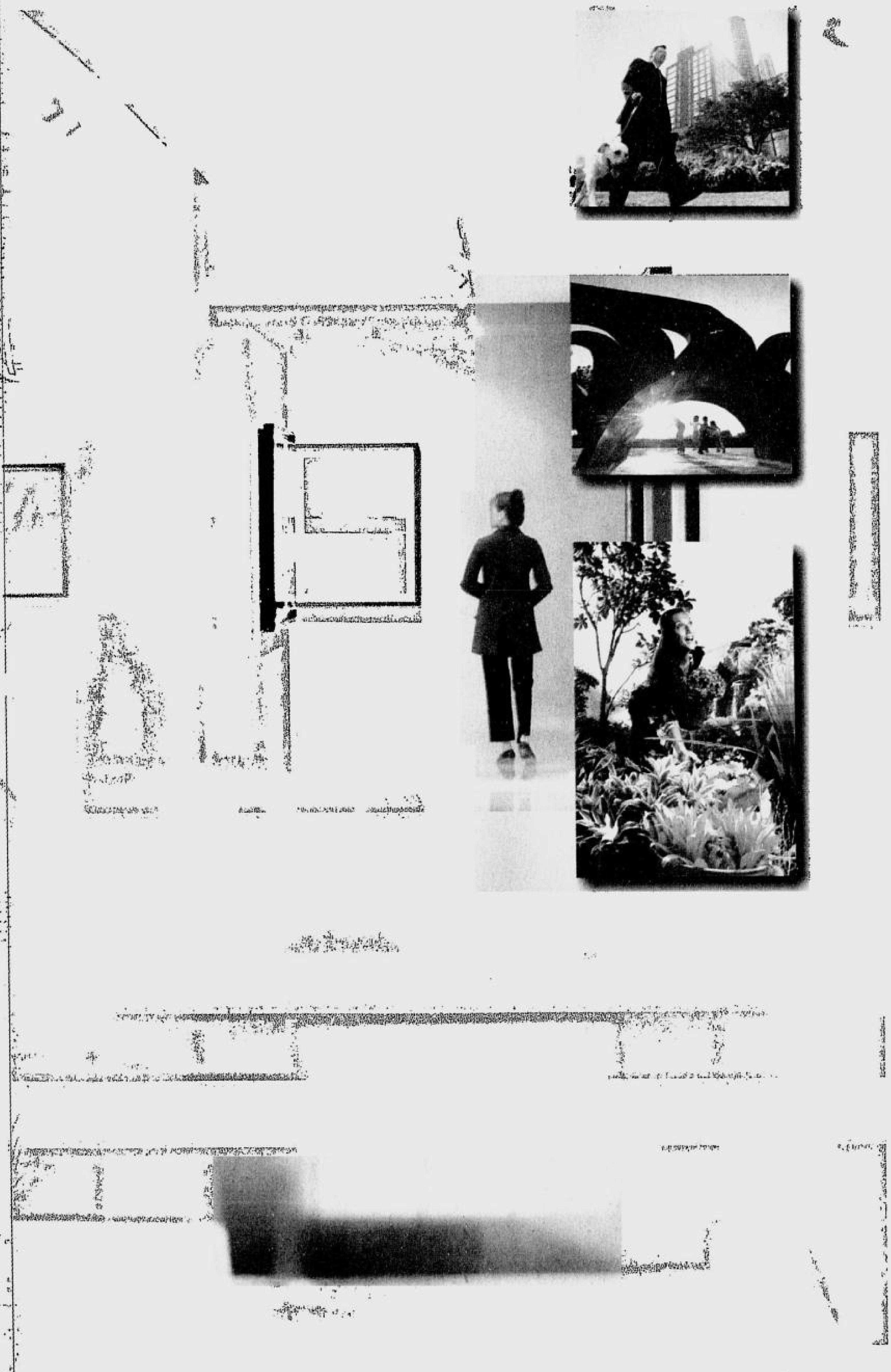
JOAN Ching dons a mask made of ostrich feathers.



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Pinoy bags get Vogue nod

By Anton San Diego
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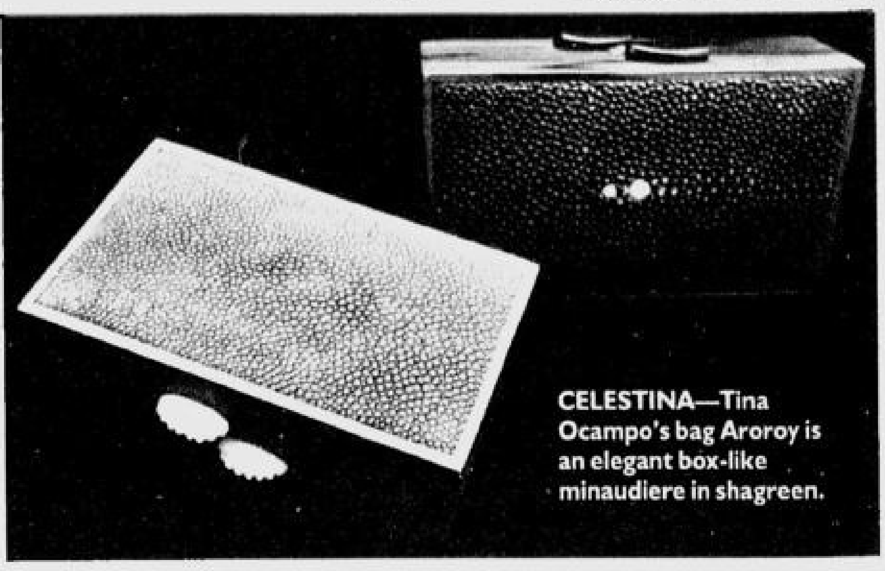

CELESTINA—Tina Ocampo's bag Aroroy is an elegant box-like minaudiere in shagreen.

HOT FASHION NEWS. STYLE ICON Tina Ocampo is the latest international bag designer!

Following the footsteps of Rafe Totengco, Bea Valdes and Joanna Lhuillier, Tina has added her name to the list of Filipino bag designers who have made it in the international fashion scene.

She started designing her one-of-a-kind minaudiere bags just last year. The bags are now sold in Barney's, Takashimaya and Kirna Zabete in New York, Ikram in Chicago and Joyce boutiques in Hong Kong.

How did this all happen? Like every success story, it did not come easy, although it got a lot of fast-tracking courtesy of Vogue magazine. Tina, along with husband Ricco and with the help of Totengco, got an appointment with Vogue accessories director Virginia Smith, who in turn called Barney's. The magazine was so impressed with the bags that right away an interview and a photo shoot was scheduled for the magazine (watch out for its October issue).

When I asked Tina how it felt like to be photographed for Vogue, she explained how incredibly detailed the magazine was. "They had a sittings editor, fashion and accessories editor, photographer, stylists, hair and makeup, wardrobe designer all for one shoot!"

The bags, called Celestina (Tina's full name), are made in the Philippines using indigenous materials like mother of pearl, silver, copper, ebony, shagreen and crocodile. They are named after places in the country that are close to the Ocampo couple's heart, like Bohol, Masbate and Cebu, or are inspired by famous Filipinos like Nora Aunor and BenCab.

Success stories like this can happen everyday, with perseverance, creativity and the right timing. We are proud of Tina as well as the other Filipinos who have fulfilled their dreams and have brought Filipino creativity to the consciousness of the international fashion realm.

Yes, she's alive! TomKat's daughter Suri debuts on Vanity Fair. The October issue of Vanity Fair will have a 22-page spread of couple Tom Cruise and Katie Holmes along with daughter Suri. The revered Annie Leibovitz was tasked to come up with the exclusive. For a long time, gossipmongers and tabloids have questioned if there really was a baby Suri. Well, here's proof!

An excerpt from the interview: Cruise says, "Actually, we were taking our own photos and always planned to release those at the right time." But "then all the craziness began," Holmes says. "This 'Where is Suri?' controversy, Tom and I looked at each other and said, 'What's going on?' We weren't trying to hide anything."

Ruckus at ISM Manila. What's happening to International School Manila? The International School Manila of today is so different from the International School Manila of my youth. It still maintains its position as one of the premiere schools not only in the country but in Asia as well. It has a better campus than the one I went to (Bel-Air) and its tuition has tripled from $5,000 when I was a student to $15,000-$17,000 now.

However, there was once a time when the only ones who got in trouble were the students, as part of their growing-up years, while the scope of the parents' participation was relegated to field trips, bake sales or PTA meetings. Now such innocence is gone.

Last Monday the superintendent of ISM, David Toze, was fired from his post and escorted by security guards out of the school premises. According to board president Gigi Bocanegra, the ISM board terminated his services because "he could not work in harmony with them."

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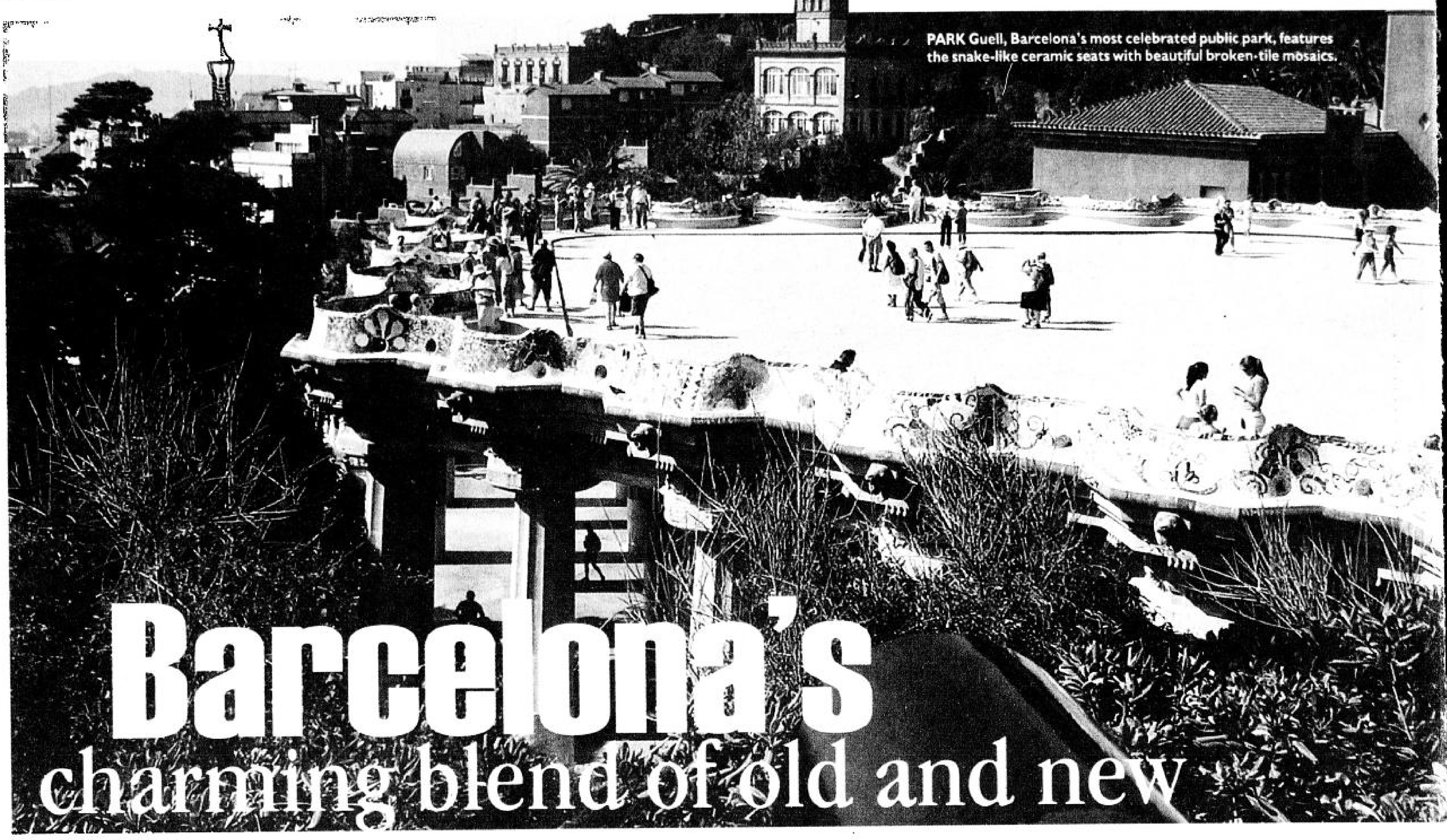

PARK Guell, Barcelona's most celebrated public park, features the snake-like ceramic seats with beautiful broken-tile mosaics.

Text and photos by Vangie Baga-Reyes

BARCELONA AWES—WITH its beauty, people and history. The 2,000-year-old city is the second largest in Spain and is the capital of Catalonia, one of the 17 autonomous communities in what was the Philippines' "mother" country for 300 years.

A premiere tourist destination, Barcelona draws more than 50 million tourists a year. Claes Akerblom, Catalonia tourism director of international strategy, says, "Barcelona is more than just a single city (but) is really a collection of multifaceted and diverse cities."

Though it has kept up with the times and become a major business center, the city has carefully preserved its historic Gothic center, providing tourists an interesting contrast between a maze of narrow streets and the grid-like layout of Eixample, the urban planning "enlargement" project dating back to the end of the 19th century.

A visitor will be pleasantly surprised to find beside a modern high-rise, a quaint square where the most outstanding decorative element is a chimney, a remnant of old factories that used to occupy the space.

"If you appreciate both old and modern architecture, design, art and styles, this place is for you," Akerblom says.

Barcelona experienced spectacular growth and economic revival at the onset of industrialization during the second half of the 19th century. It had another "growth spurt" when it hosted the 1992 summer Olympics.

"Barcelona seized the opportunity to carry out widespread projects dedicated to urban renewal," Akerblom says.

The city has two official languages: Catalan, spoken in all of Catalonia, and Castilian Spanish.

Shops normally open from 10 a.m. to around 8:30 p.m. Small shops still practice the siesta—yeah, the afternoon nap Pinoys learned from their former colonizers—between 2 and 4:30 p.m.

A taxi from the airport costs about Euro 20 (P1,260), baggage costs extra. Some city taxis' flag down rate starts at Euro 2 (P126).

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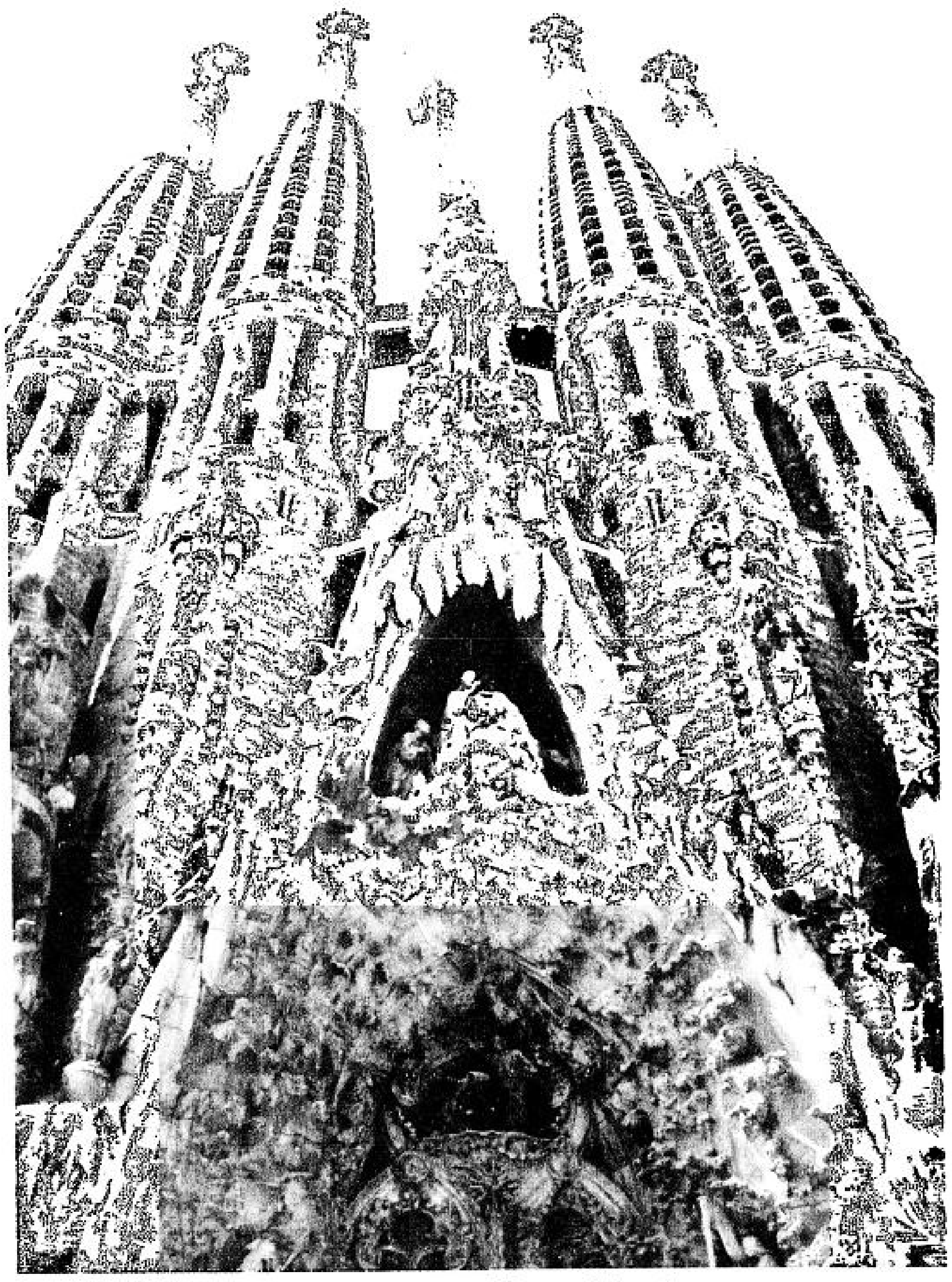
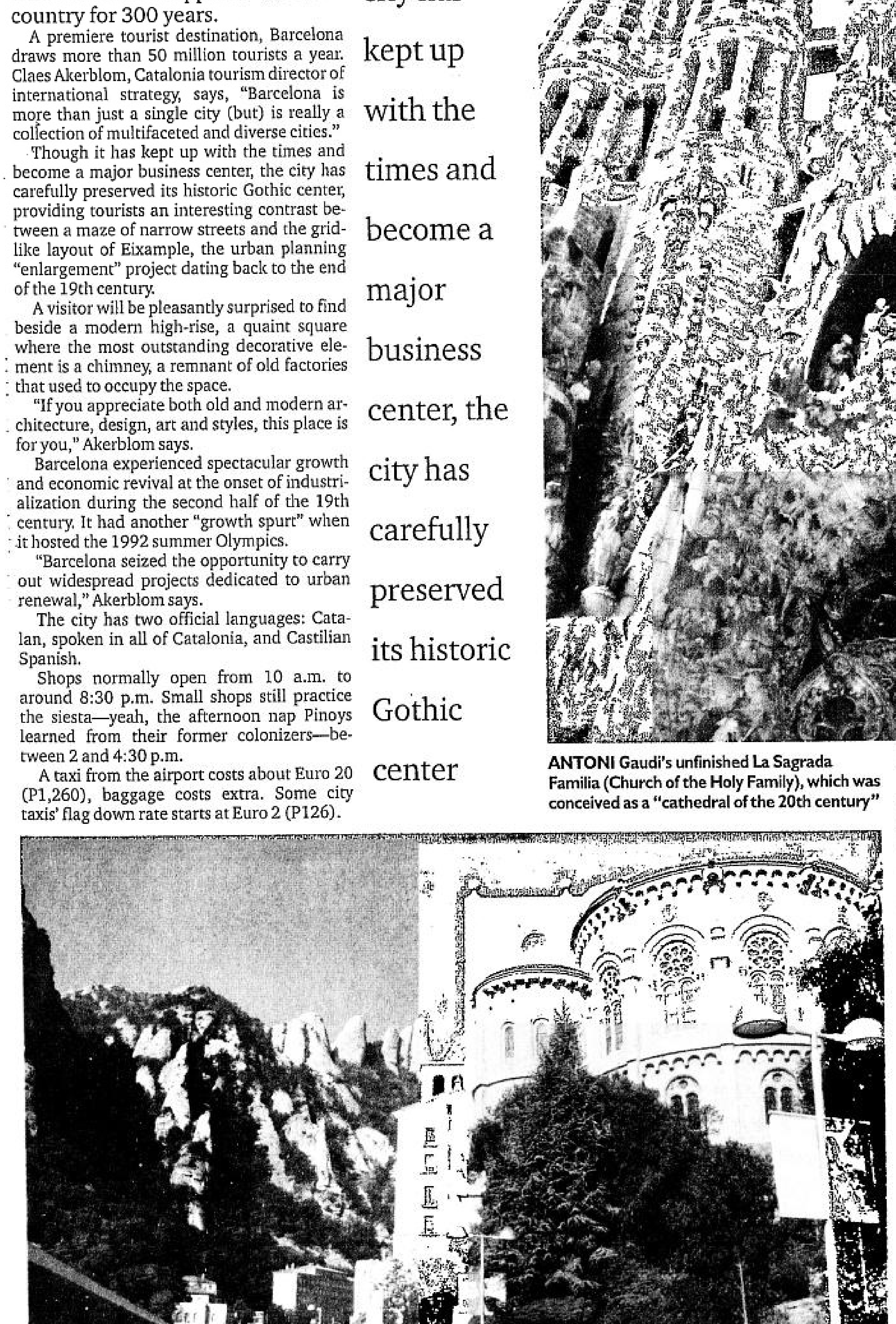


ANTONI Gaudi's unfinished La Sagrada Familia (Church of the Holy Family), which was conceived as a "cathedral of the 20th century"



THE BENEDICTINE monastery is "protected" by the mountain's impressive rock formation.

Heart of the city

If you're lucky to be in Barcelona, a good place to get to know the city close-up is La Rambla, undoubtedly the liveliest part of the city. This spectacular promenade stretches from Plaza de Catalunya to the harbor.

Between the 15th and 17th centuries, several monastic and academic buildings were built in the area, and La Rambla began to take shape as a promenade, a designation confirmed in the 18th century when rows of trees were planted.

Seven different sections, each with own name, make up the street of La Rambla. At the upper section is Rambla de Canaletes, named after the fountain of Canaletes, which has stood since ancient times. Tradition has it that a visitor who drinks its water will one day return to Barcelona.

The Rambla dels Estudis is nicknamed Rambla dels Ocells (of the birds) on account of the sparrows that nest in the trees and the stalls selling birds, as well as tortoises, fish, monkeys and a wide assortment of other small animals.

A little further down is Barcelona's most picturesque market, Mercat de Sant Josep (or La Boqueria), a seemingly endless row of stalls crammed with fresh vegetables, meat and fish, as well as bistros.

La Rambla is like a 200-meter stretch of restaurants, small hotels and the public market. Here, visitors also encounter flower vendors, artists and crafts people, and musicians and theater performers.

Breathtaking churches

Barcelona has dozens of religious places, with a few that are must-see—the majestic La Sagrada Familia or the magnificent Monastery of Montserrat.

Barcelona's unique Expiatory Temple of the Sacred Family is one of Spain's most popular tourist attractions and, without a doubt, an Antoni Gaudi masterpiece. Sagrada Familia is an impressive work of architectural genius.

The church was initially a neo-Gothic project designed by architect Francesc de Paula del Villar. Gaudi was commissioned to continue the work in 1891. He replaced the project with a much more ambitious one that resulted in the present enormous structure.

Sadly, Gaudi died in 1926 when he was run over by a tram. Mistaken for a beggar, he was left to die. He is is now buried in Sagrada's crypt.

Though Gaudi dedicated 12 years of his life to the project, it remains a work in progress. Construction is expected to be completed by 2008. We were told that all building funds come only from ticket sales and private donations.

The Mountain of Montserrat is famous for its Benedictine monastery and hermitages and magnificent rock formations and sculpted peaks.

About 50 kilometers from the city of Barcelona, Montserrat is composed of the Sanctuary of the Virgin Mary of Montserrat and the monastery which, for almost 1,000 years, has been visited by pilgrims from all over the world, who come to worship the Black Madonna.

Here, visitors can listen to the songs of The Escolania, the oldest boys' choir (aged 10-14) in Europe. Every day, at 1 p.m., it sings Salve Regina and the Virolai, the hymn to Our Lady of Montserrat. In the evening, after vespers at 7 p.m., it sings the Salve Montserratina, alternating between polyphony and Gregorian chant, with the monks and a motet.

Grand parks and museum

Though bullfighting and flamenco performances are hard to come by, visitors can spend their time enjoying the various parks and museums.

Check out Park Guell, also designed by Gaudi and laid out from 1900 to 1914. A Heritage Site of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the park brings out the child in everyone as it gives the feeling of stepping inside the pages of a fairytale book.

The gates look like the cookie house in "Hansel and Gretel." The fountain is a colorful ceramic alligator, its mouth spouting water. The most talked-about attractions are the snake-like ceramic seats with their beautiful broken tile mosaics.

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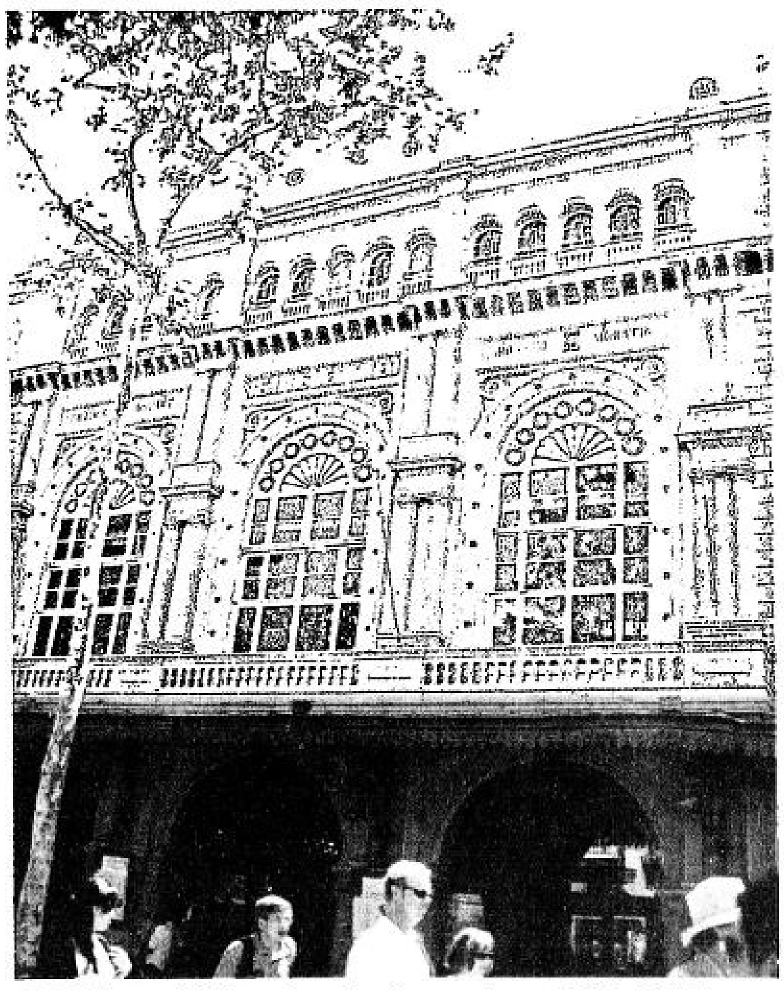
LA RAMBLA, a 200-meter stretch promenade brimming with restaurants, small hotels on both sides, a public market and lots of flower vendors, artists, musicians and street performances



GRAN Teatre del Liceu, Barcelona's opera house built in 1847, is a favorite tourist destination along La Rambla.

FAÇADE of the Basilica of Montserrat, where Europe's oldest boys' choir sings "Salve Regina" and "Virolai" every day

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RICO Violeta, MBRH general manager (left); **Aida Javier**, HRD manager (third from left), and **Andy Mariscotes** (right) with the awardees

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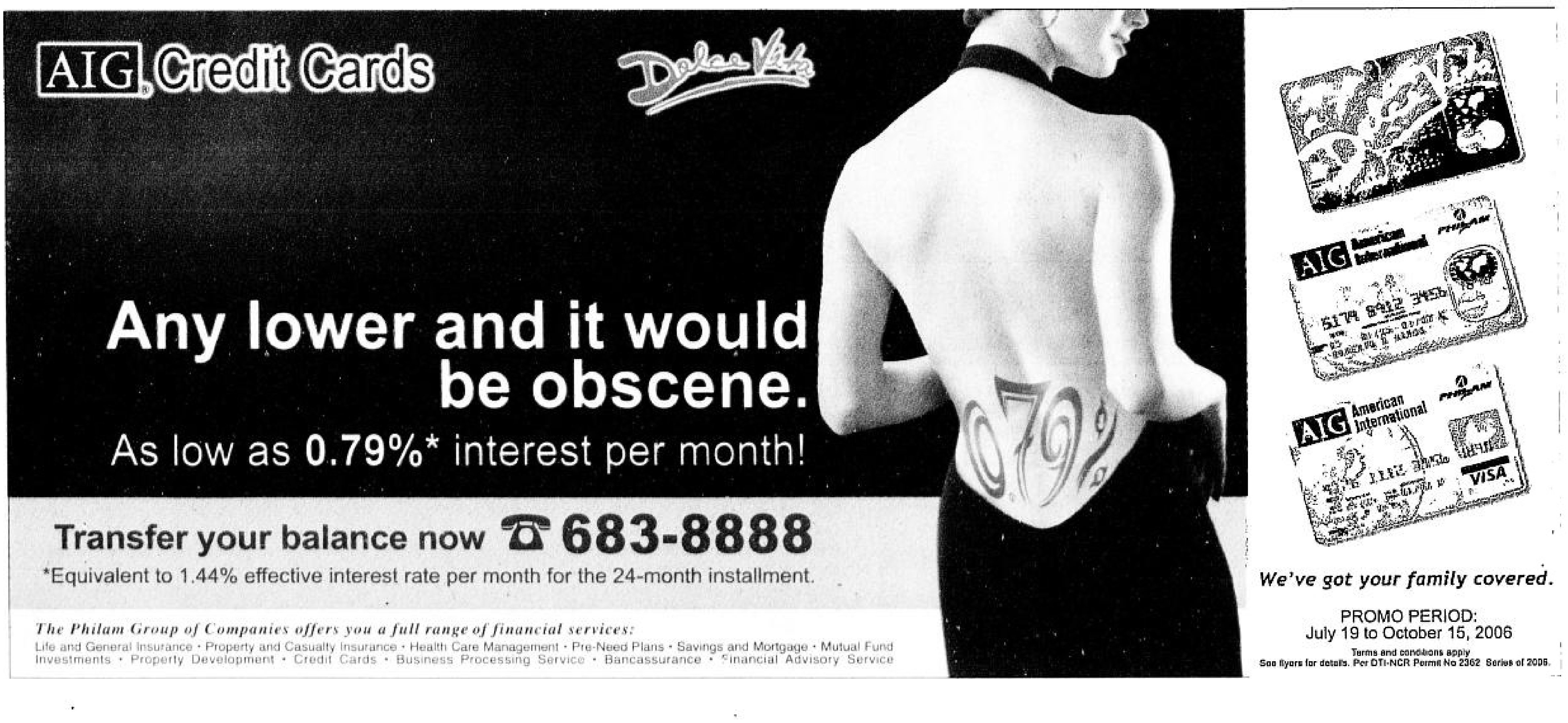

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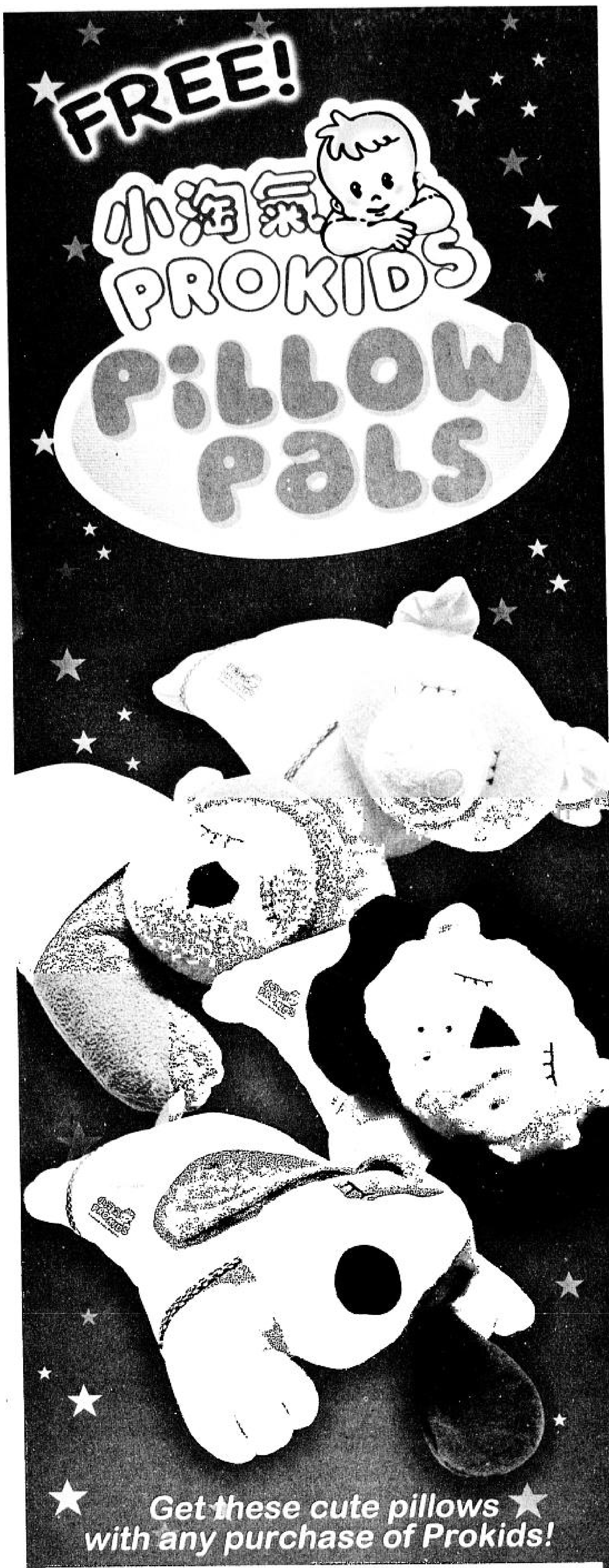

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4. Submit the required Prokids Premium Baby Diapers with Soft Cottony Magic Tape wrappers together with the complete information: sender's name, complete address where you want the premium item/s delivered, baby's name and age, telephone and/or mobile phone numbers, signature of parent/guardian plus the desired premium item, written on a piece of paper and enclosed in an envelope. For hard-to-find locations, landmark information of the address is encouraged for easy reference.
5. Entries can be mailed or hand carried to:

"Prokids Pillow Pals"
JS Unitrade Merchandise, Inc.
31st Floor, Raffles Corporate Center
Emerald Avenue, Ortigas Center,
Pasig City

OR

"Prokids Pillow Pals"
P.O. Box 14280 Pasig City

6. The chosen premium item/s will be delivered by JRS Express to the address submitted by the consumer. In the event that the entry sender is not present during the time of delivery, a member of the sender's household may be asked to sign a proof of delivery and receive the premium item/s in behalf of the entry sender.
7. Entries thru mail are qualified fifteen (15) days after the promo period.
8. Premium items will be delivered until sixty (60) days from the end of the promo period.
9. Consumers may join as many times as they want.
10. Prizes are not convertible to cash.

For more information,
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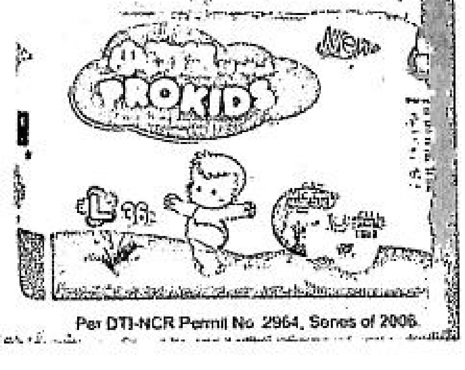

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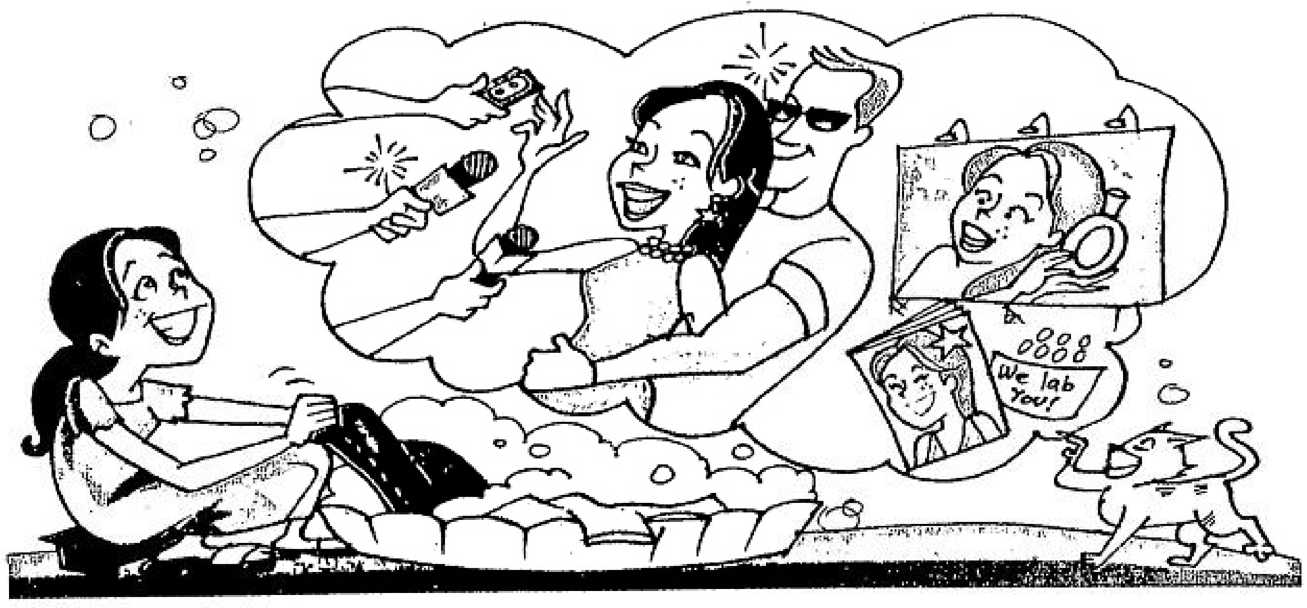

15 seconds of fame

By José Javier Reyes
Contributor

NOWADAYS, ANYONE who is 30 years old and younger seems to share common ambitions. First is to study nursing, take the board exam and get the hell out of this republic. Second is to land in a call center and acquire a mutant American accent in order to sell goods or be a palliative to the incompetence of our First World Brothers. And third, everyone who is anyone wants to join any of the reality contests or be one of the anointed to be a resident of Kuya's gingerbread house.

These hard times seem to magnify the urgency to find personal space in the already-claustrophobic world of show business. Anyone who can carry the semblance of a tune (thanks to the accessibility of videokes and magic mics) or has illusions that his or hers is the face that can launch a thousand blockbusters becomes possessed by the insatiable need to be discovered or gain the necessary exposure to be a household name.

Auditions for talent searches and reality shows create such frenzied throngs with literally thousands queuing, armed with their resumés and rehearsed smiles. Each and every one has high hopes that their destinies will finally be fulfilled—and that through some wonderful stroke of luck the rest of their lives will now be immortalized by the prying cameras of media.

Tempting promise

The promise is really quite simple: instant fame and fortune, hysterical fans and delicious immortality. All that is needed is to be given the chance to be seen and shine. The million bucks and all the other loot awarded to the big winner are delicious, but then, that has ceased to be all that important. Just to have a camera stuck to your face and your name recognized go further than mere consolation prize. The objective is no longer to win but to be simply seen.

The obsession for media clout is not a local phenomenon: It has become a worldwide craze. With interactive television and the accessibility of almost any human being to be sucked into picture tube, reality has been completely redefined. Everyone can be a star—and with all the nudging, budging and badgering taking place, the so-called 15 minutes of fame has been diminished to a mere 15 seconds.

Overnight sensation

Stardom has also been completely reformulated and redefined. Whereas before actors took the straight and narrow path, crawling from the dregs, paying their dues before they are finally given the chance to land above the title of films or earn greater air time, stardom nowadays can be approximated to spontaneous combustion. Everyday people can easily become overnight sensations as long as they possess the guts, determination and that kind of elusive charm to elicit text votes for their favor.

And here lies the rub: In the age of prefabricated stardom, talent becomes inconsequential compared with pure good looks or perhaps the right backing from the studio. The Judy Anns and Claudines of the past started out as child stars who evolved into major dramatic talents endlessly surprising audiences with their range. Now, the latest teen idols are plucked out of reality shows or talent searches and thrown into an arena where all that is required from them is to be terminally cute and to mimic what is otherwise known as singing, dancing and… uhm, acting.

In the attempt to accommodate what they have to offer, the standards of performance have been lowered to the level of *puede pasar*. Either that or has media also redefined the level of good showmanship where everything has been diminished to the miracles of trending and hard-selling so much so that nobody really gives a damn about quality performances anymore?

But this is not to say that all the lucky ones who are blessed with media's magic wand are mere paper dolls whose only usefulness in life is to be stuck onto a scrapbook. There are prefab stars who yield more than enough talent honed through tedious exposure to eventually sustain their popularity despite the constant onslaught of newer, fresher and younger talents. However, the Piolos, Jerichos, Marvins and Jennelyns are more exceptions to the rule: Others who have nothing more to offer other than freshly scrubbed faces dwindle into oblivion as fast as their synthetic stars rose in the heavens.

Talent will eventually determine whether that puppy- and kitty-cute face has the right to stay within public interest. Otherwise, they will but naturally fall out of the game of survival of the fittest—attesting to corollary law of instant fame: disposable stardom.

This is also where the irony lies. The thousands who dream of worming their way into media's spotlight are seemingly blinded by the promise and not the consequence. Yes, the spotlight may find its way into the existence of the chosen few, but how long will this last? How many young people delude themselves, gamble all their dreams and aspirations (including their studies and all-too-ordinary careers) because they want to be stars? How many of them proudly pour their hearts out about stories of dysfunctional lives and poverty, perform for the voyeuristic masses to win sympathy and hopefully admiration as investments to achieve stardom?

And how many of them eventually find out that they are back to where they started when all the hoopla is over? Having tasted the intoxicating sound of applause, the return to the real world possesses all the subtleties of a plane crash.

Reality shows were meant to be social experiments feeding on the insatiable curiosity of the ordinary about the equally ordinary. But out here, they have turned into nothing more but searches for the newest faces to crowd the television screen. And there is an entirely different reality behind that.

Pinoy bags get Vogue nod

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sense of dignity and respect? Toze's children were not only in school at that time, the incident also happened during school hours.

Bocanegra announced that the assistant superintendent, Stephen Dare, would take his place. But Dare has declined the position. What is appalling is for a board to take such drastic measures that create hostility with parents and faculty and give an awful example to students.

The tension between the newly elected board, faculty and parents has been ongoing for months. A move to elect a new board may be the best solution. The current board has lost the confidence and respect of everyone.

As an alumnus of the school (Class of '85), I feel sad to see the school's current state of affairs. The International School is one of the most prestigious schools in the country and is a microcosm of the international community. In that community, one strives to be tolerant and accepting of differences. The board's actions are a travesty of relationships as well as a "failing mark" in the school's 86-year-old history.

Visit www.ismstakeholders.com to get an updated account of the crisis.

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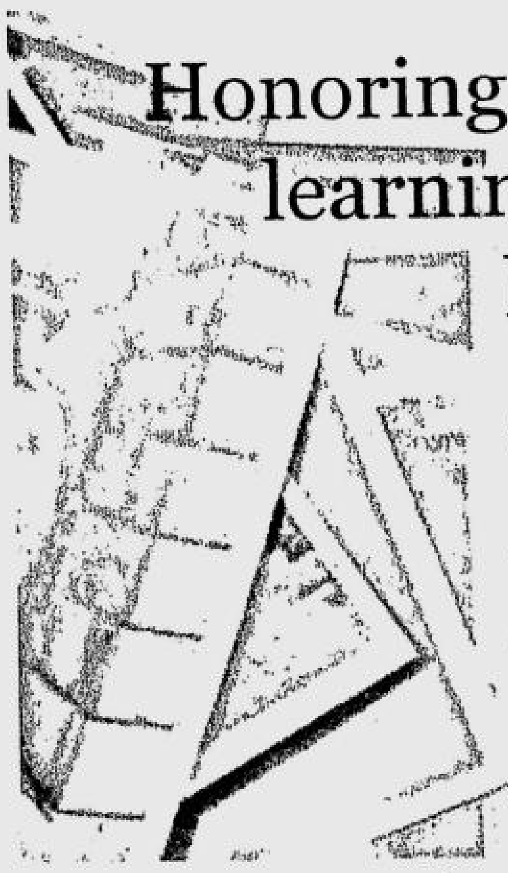
VANITY FAIR
Yes, Suri She's Our Baby!
WORLD EXCLUSIVE: A 22-PAGE TOM CRUISE - KATIE HOLMES FAMILY ALBUM

SURI is alive and well! October's Vanity Fair issue has the exclusive.

UK FASHION INVASION CONTINUES
Debenhams has opened its second store on 3/L Rustan's Makati. The opening was attended by Makati Mayor Jejomar Binay; British Ambassador Peter Beckingham and wife Jill; and Stores Specialists Inc.'s (SSI) president Zenaida Tantoco. Guests included Elenita Binay, Criselda Lontok, Barbara Aboitiz, David and Malu Batchelor, Emilio Yap Jr. and Felicia Atienza. SSI executive vice president Anton Huang welcomed them. The store features women's, men's and children's fashion, accessories, lingerie, and selected home items. It offers exclusive brands such as Red Herring and Maine New England, and creations by international designers such as Matthew Williamson and Betty Jackson. It is exclusively distributed in the Philippines by SSI.



Honoring the elderly, learning from their life and times

NATIONAL GRANDPARENTS DAY WAS ESTABlished in the United States by President Jimmy Carter in 1978. Its origins trace back to Marian McQuade, who, in 1970, wanted to champion the cause of lonely elderly in nursing homes. Her idea caught on, and in 1973 Governor Arch Moore made it a West Virginia state holiday.

In 1970, a West Virginia housewife, Marian Lucille Herndon McQuade, initiated a campaign to set aside a special day just for Grandparents. Through concerted efforts on the part of civic, business, church, and political leaders, this campaign expanded statewide. The first Grandparents Day was proclaimed in 1973 in West Virginia by Governor Arch Moore. Also in 1973, Senator Jennings

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Grandparents: Treasure chest of wisdom and memories

A Grand Day to Remember

A Filipino's typical year is filled with many commemorations that serve to honor the people that we love. May is traditionally devoted to our mothers while June is the month traditionally associated with our fathers. However, many Filipinos are unaware of another significant month in their lives.

September for most of us, heralds the start of the "ber" months. It's a month where Christmas carols start playing in the airwaves. But more than this, September is also the month wherein we celebrate Grandparents' Day.

Grandparents' Day was first celebrated in 1973 in West Virgina. Set by Governor Arch Moore, it was envisioned to be a day to celebrate the contributions of our grandparents to our families. The holiday was set in order to allow families to enjoy small gatherings with their old folks wherein grandparents can swap stories of the good old days with their grandchildren. It was meant to be a day to remember the past and to share the rich heritage of experience that grandparents have.

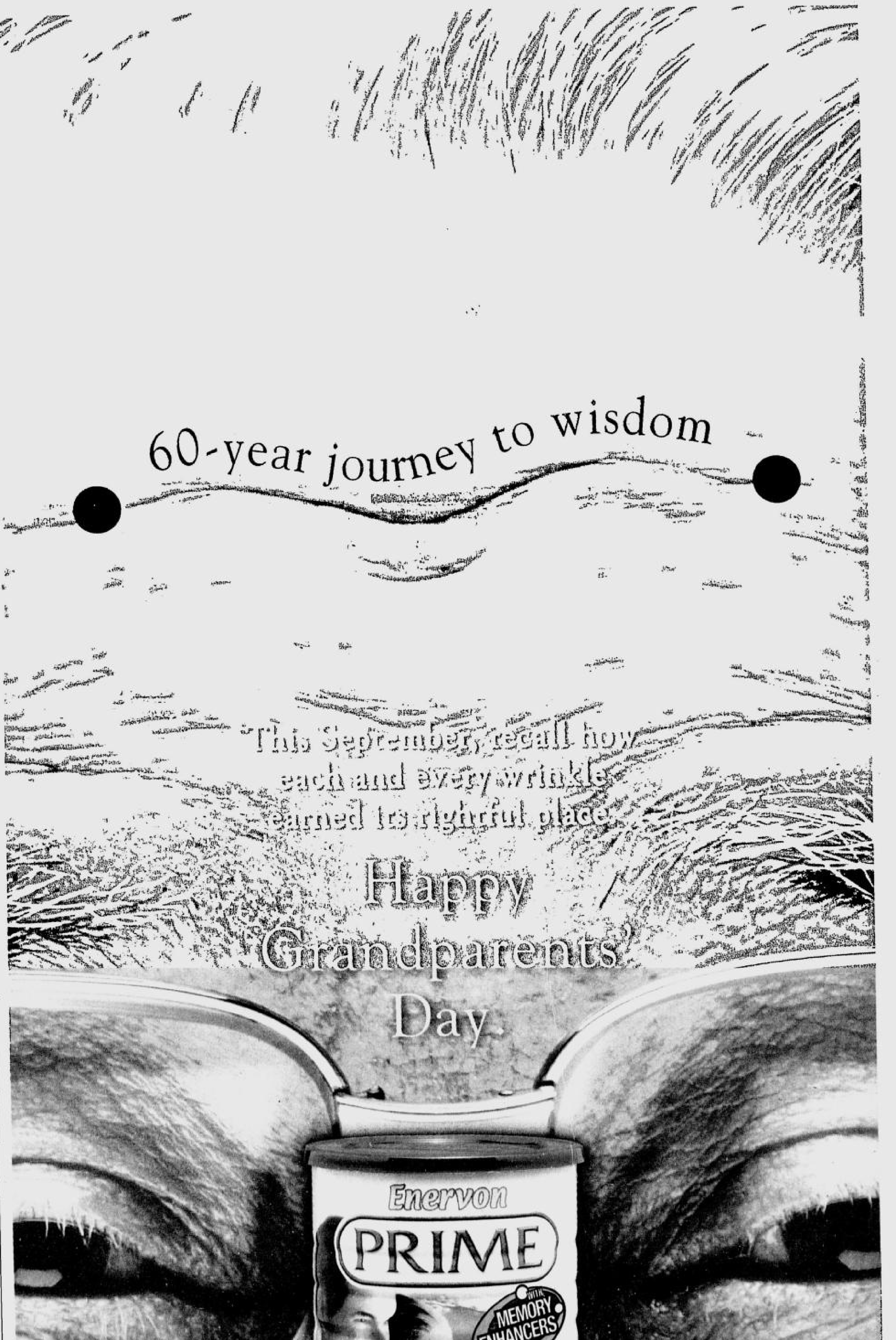
The day became an established holiday five years later when the US Congress passed legislation proclaiming the first Sunday after Labor Day as National Grandparents' Day. Thus starting the holiday which we celebrate today.

September was particularly chosen as the designated Grandparents' month to symbolize the "autumn years" of life and this event that was first celebrated by a few people is now celebrated by millions in the Philippines.

In our side of the world, the celebration of Grandparents' Day is spearheaded by Enervon Prime. Its unique combination of choline, taurine and folic acid act as memory enhancers thereby helping our beloved grandparents keep their minds sharp and their memories vivid. Perfect for reliving the good old days. So it's fitting that Enervon Prime is at the forefront of this celebration since the commemoration of Grandparents' Day is all about remembering the past and acknowledging the contributions our beloved grandparents have given us.

So let's celebrate this holiday with Enervon Prime and greet our beloved grandparents a happy Grandparents' Day!

Happy Grandparents' Day Lolo and Lola! ■


60-year journey to wisdom
This September, recall how each and every wrinkle earned its rightful place.
Happy Grandparents' Day.
Enervon
PRIME
WITH MEMORY ENHANCERS
Nutritionally Balanced Milk Food For Adults
POWDER Chocolate Flavor
Sharp mind. Active body.

Life in the long run: A briefing on longevity

LONGEVITY IS DEFINED AS LONG LIFE OR the length of a person's life (life expectancy). Reflections on longevity have usually gone beyond acknowledging the basic shortness of human life and have included thinking about methods to extend life. Longevity has been a topic not only for the scientific community but also for writers of travel, science fiction and utopian novels. The longest human lifespan on record that has been authenticated is the 122 years 164 days of Jeanne Calment, though fiction, legend, and mythology have proposed or claimed vastly longer lifespans in the past or future and longevity myths frequently allege them to exist in the present.

Various factors contribute to an individual's longevity. Significant factors in life expectancy include genetics, access to health care, hygiene, diet, exercise and lifestyle. Below is a list of life expectancies in different types of countries:

First World: . . . 77-83 years (eg. Canada: 80.1 years, 2005 estimate)

Third World:. . . 35-60 years (eg. Mozambique: 40.3 years, 2005 estimate)

Tobacco smoking is generally accepted to significantly reduce longevity, and is one of the main statistical factors explaining differences in life expectancy between advanced nations. This may be offset by other factors; Japan, a country with a high rate of tobacco consumption, has one of the highest life expectancies in the world (81.15 years in 2005). Hong Kong, a dense 7-million people city with constant stress, recently reported a higher life expectancy than Japan (81.39 years in 2005).

Population longevities can be seen as increasing due to increases in life expectancies around the world:

Records

The current validated longevity records can be found in the list of supercentenarians. Notable individuals include:

Jeanne Calment (1875-1997, 122 years and 164 days) - oldest person ever whose age has been verified by modern documentation; born 1875, lived to the age of 122. This defines the human lifespan, which is set by the oldest documented individual who ever lived.

Shigechiyo Izumi (1865-1986, 120 years 237 days, disputed) - oldest male ever recognized by the Guinness Book of World Records; authentication largely questioned by modern conflation.

Christian Mortensen (1882-1998, 115 years) - oldest male widely accepted by scholars

(From wikipedia.com)

Significant factors in life expectancy include genetics, access to health care, hygiene, diet, exercise and lifestyle

Australia:. . 80 years in 2002, 80.39 years in 2005
Italy:. . . . . 79.25 years in 2002, 79.68 years in 2005
France:. . . . 79.05 years in 2002, 79.60 years in 2005
Germany:. . 77.78 years in 2002, 78.65 years in 2005
UK:. . . . . . 77.99 years in 2002, 78.4 years in 2005
USA:. . . . . 77.4 years in 2002, 77.7 years in 2005

Keep the mind busy

SEVERAL STUDIES HAVE POINTED OUT A definite link between sustained mental activity and staving off symptoms of elderly-related diseases such as Alzheimer's and dementia. The recent studies and discoveries lead to the conclusion that mental stimulation, or exerting our brains in various intellectual ways, may improve our memory performance, protect our brains from future decline, and could even lead to new brain cell growth. Just as work-out can develop your muscles, mental exercise can strengthen your brain.

Doing crossword puzzles, solving brainteasers, playing mahjong, and/or even watching Jeopardy are doing mental aerobic exercises. Just like picking a fitness program to suit your physical condition, you need to select the right level of mental challenge so you will not lose interest or get frustrated. The purpose is to train within the limit of not straining our brains; and have fun at the same time.

One such study involved 469 people aged 75 and older. Over the course of the study, dementia developed in 124 of the participants (Alzheimer's disease in 61, vascular dementia in 30, mixed dementia in 25, and other types of dementia in 8). Those who participated at least twice weekly in reading, playing games (chess, checkers, backgammon or cards), playing musical instruments, and dancing were significantly less likely to develop dementia. Although the evidence on crossword puzzles was not quite statistically significant, those who did crossword puzzles four days a week had a much lower risk of dementia than those who did one puzzle a week. Most physical activities, like group exercise or team games, had no significant impact. The only exception-ballroom dancing-possibly occurred because of the mental demands of remembering dance steps, responding to music and coordinating with a partner. Although the study was careful to include only those who showed no signs of dementia at the start, it cannot be ruled out that people in very early, pre-clinical stages of dementia may be less likely to participate in mentally demanding activities.

The study was published in the June 19 issue of the New England Journal of Medicine. It seems clear that elderly people should develop interest in mentally stimulating hobbies such as playing games. One may say that if elderly people shy away from game playing, they deserve a closer observation whether they have developed dementia.

(From www.mwsearch.com)

Therapharma marks anniversary of its BP lowering medicines

THERAPHARMA, A DIVISION OF UNITED Laboratories, recently celebrated the anniversary of the launch of its brand of losartan and the losartan and hydrocholorthiazide combination of antihypertensive medicines.

Hypertension is a major risk factor for heart attack and stroke, two of the leading causes of death in the Philippines. As with other chronic conditions, hypertension requires daily medication to keep the blood pressure within normal range. However, studies have shown that only half of diagnosed hypertensives are taking medicines regularly. One of the biggest factors for non-compliance of patients is the high cost of drugs.

Dr. Esperanza Cabral, secretary of the Department of Social Welfare Development and past president of Philippine Heart Association, said that most families allot only a small portion of their budget for medical expenses. "The health expenditure per capita remains low at less P2000 per year per family per capita and in constant 1985 prices, it remains at below P500 per capita." Cabral added that in 1997, 2000 and 2003 the family and income expenditure survey showed that drug and medicine accounts for almost 50 percent of all the patients' medical care expenditure

"By providing a pharmacoeconomic alternative, your patients have bought more tablets than they used to buy at a much, much lower cost. This means that they are now protected from hypertension and other cardiovascular diseases for a longer period, much longer than before," John Dumpit, Therapharma's general manager, told physicians during the anniversary gathering.

A cool gift for culinary grandparents

FOR GRANDPARENTS WHO love to cook, whether he/she is a simple homemaker, a professional chef, or a self-trained cook, cookware is surely a "cool-inary" gift for Grandparents Day. But buying the right cookware for grandpa/grandma is essential to save costs and to make efficient use of time in the kitchen. Most people do not know where to begin with the wide variety of cookware and kitchen utensils in the market. Add to that the proliferation of substandard or poorly manufactured items and hunting for the right cookware becomes a real struggle. Make the right decision by keeping in mind what are considered to be the four essentials of the perfect cookware from Zwilling J.A. Henckels from Germany:

Money-saving. Other ordinary cookware may be relatively affordable, but these may not last a long time. They may be made of inferior materials or haphazardly designed. This means you may need to replace them in less than a few years. Just like other things in life, it is worth investing in something that will last a long time and thus provide you with longer years of service. In the long run, these items are more economical and worth your money for brands of with German ingenuity as Zwilling J.A. Henckels.

Safety. Poorly designed cookware is not only impractical---it also makes cooking a chore, not a pleasure. Imagine burnt or overcooked food, or scalding your fingers or hands due to loose lids and broken handles. Make sure construction is sturdy, and product design is thoughtful and user-friendly like Zwilling J.A. Henckels cookware with handles that are not hand-burning due to advanced spot technology. The distance between handle and cookware body is scientifically tested. It is well engineered and manufactured with only the safety and convenience of users in mind.

Health. Only the best cookware enables you to achieve the best outcome of your dishes. This means that because of its high quality materials, heat efficiency and distribution is optimum. Food is not overcooked and its nutrients are preserved. Also, a cookware with genuine stainless steel reduces 70-80 percent smoke that do not adulterate your food and cause diseases, illnesses, or long-term serious side effects to your health. When shopping for cookware, look for one with specialized technology that is popular these days, such as SIgmabond system. Sigmabond is is Zwilling J.A. Henckel's innovative manufacturing technology that enables pots and pans to undergo equal distribution of heat and more efficient cooking time. Equal thickness of metal material ensures additional heat distribution, from bottom to top.

Aesthetics. Some may not pay attention to aesthetics but these are equally important as well. Psychologically, being surrounded by beautiful design provides a more peaceful and content atmosphere, especially in the kitchen. Moreover, the use of high quality materials in cookware also provides the benefit of being easy to clean and maintain. Zwilling J.A. Henckels cookware's technology engineering is evident not only in usage but in outward appearance and design as well.

With the 275 years legacy of a well-respected brand comes the guarantee of dependability and customer satisfaction. Zwilling J.A. Henckels is a brand that provides the best in cookware coming from its heritage in producing kitchen knives. Zwilling J.A. Henckels Twin Select and Twin I.V.I. cookware designed to provide the four essential needs in cookware.

Check out the Twin Select and Twin I.V.I. cookware lines at Zwilling J.A. Henckels showrooms at SM Megamall (5th Level, Bridgeway, Tel: 637-5511), Power Plant Rockwell (Concourse Level, Tel: 898-0976), Rustan's Dept. Store Makati (5th Floor), Robinson's Place Ermita (3rd Level, Tel: 525-0269), Kitchen Pro Shangri-La (4th Level, Tel: 632-9121), Rustan's Dept. Store, Alabang (2nd Flr), and at the new SM Mall of Asia (Ground Floor, Entertainment Mall, Tel: 556-0255).

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YOU NEED VITAMIN C, KNOWN AS ASCORBIC ACID, TO boost your body resistance to coughs and colds.

Now there is a new way to take this vitamin in a form that is quicker and more delicious.

It is called UrgenCee, a product of Citrus Well Inc, which is a mix of green tea, Chinese astralagus root, aloe vera and zeaxanthin.

It comes in powder form in sachets that quickly become effervescent mixes when poured into cold water.

Astralagus, one of the most effective Chinese herbs, is used in Chinese traditional medicine to strengthen the immune system.

Zeaxanthin is a key carotenoid in the prevention of age-related macular degeneration.

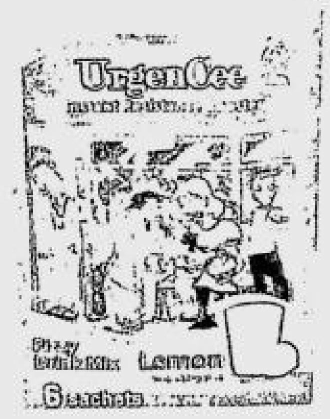
Aloe vera is a tropical plant whose sap is known to ease pain and reduce inflammation.

More urgent than others

Though not an energy drink, UrgenCee has advantages over energy drinks and over-the-counter medicines that people use to fight coughs and colds. It fights airborne diseases.

At P16 per sachet, it is cheaper than energy drinks, which cost an average of P40 per small bottle. It is more premium priced than regular vitamin C in pill form, but the effervescence and the Astralagus-plus make the difference.

UrgenCee, approved by the Bureau of Food and Drugs, is the latest incarnation of Vitamin C. For more inquiries, call 372-3984 local 128, 376-2283, or log on to www.citruswell.com.



Celebrate Grandparent's Day at SM

TEAT LOLO AND LOLA TO A GRAND TIME AT the SM Supermalls as it celebrates Grandparents Day on Sunday, September 10!

It's a blast from the past with special concerts highlighting music from their youth at the malls. The king lives in Elvis Mania, a tribute to the legendary entertainer featuring a retro band with an Elvis look a-like performing hits from the 50s, 60s, and 70s. This will take place at SM City Manila on September 8, SM City Sta. Mesa on September 8, and on September 10 at SM City San Lazaro and SM City Fairview.

Don't let them miss Beatle Mania, featuring a retro band performing Beatles' hits at SM City Sucat and SM City Bicutan on September 9, SM City Bacoor on September 10, and SM Southmall from September 9-11.

There will also be interactive activities for grandparents and their grandkids on September 8. The Bloomfields and Mitch Valdez will topbill the event at SM Megamall, while the unforgettables and Rico J. take centersage at SM City North-Edsa. These exciting activities are in cooperation with Enervon Prime.

Classic cars, on the other hand, will showcased in the Best of Vintage at The Blck in SM City North-Edsa on Sunday, September 10. The Mall of Asia will celebrate this grand day with an All That Jazz inspired performance by Ballet Philippines at the Music Hall.

It will be a grand day for Lolo and Lola at SM Supercenter Valenzuela in Enjoy Ang Buhay Pag Anjan Ka Lolo and Lola on September 21. They can have a free medical check-up, as well as enjoy photo ops with 50s icon impersonators, and Elvis look-a-like contest. This event is in cooperation with Fatima Medical Center.

Celebrate Grandparents Day at the SM Supermalls!

Treat your grandparents to a delicious and nutritious way to good health

SHOW THAT YOU VALUE YOUR GRANDparents' health, by starting them on a regular diet of high fiber. And nothing comes close to a high fiber diet than eating Gardenia High Fiber Wheat Bread. Made from 100 percent real premium wheat combining the goodness of whole meal flour and the natural taste of real honey, Gardenia High Fiber Wheat Bread is high in fiber which is good for your grandparents' health. Eating a diet that is high in fiber helps fight constipation, cancer, diabetes and heart disease.

According to New-Fitness, a website that offers straightforward advice on exercise, weight management, and other quality of life decisions, fiber promotes more efficient elimination by inevitably halting common constipation. When taken with adequate amounts of fluid, the fiber and the water it retains produce a larger, softer stool that the digestive system can pass quickly and easily.

For colon cancer, it is believed that fiber may help move intestinal contents faster through the bowel, thus decreasing the length of time the bowel wall is exposed to potential carcinogens. Fiber may likewise dilute carcinogens or possibly bind or inactivate them in a certain way.

With regard to diabetes, research has shown that fiber may have a powerful effect on blood sugar levels. Further studies indicate that a high-carbohydrate, high-fiber diet improves glucose tolerance by delaying the emptying of the stomach or even glucose absorption.

Finally, fiber helps prevent heart disease by altering fat or cholesterol absorption in the large bowel. Some studies even suggest that fiber produces a reduction in bad cholesterol levels without decreasing good cholesterol levels.

And since Gardenia High Fiber Wheat Bread contains honey, you get more healthy benefits with a delicious taste. According to the US National Honey Board, honey contains many antioxidants that combat free radicals that can damage cells. Antioxidants are nutritive and non-nutritive substances that can retard or inhibit oxidation and/or neutralize the damaging effects of "free radicals."

In humans, oxidative stress is implicated in an ever-growing number of chronic diseases including cardiovascular disease and cancer. Thus, increasing the body's antioxidant content may help protect against cellular damage and the development of chronic diseases. Honey contains numerous phenolic and nonphenolic antioxidants, the amount and type of which depends largely upon the floral source of the honey.

Darker honeys (e.g., buckwheat) are generally higher in antioxidant content than lighter honeys and have been shown to be similar in antioxidant capacity to many fruits and vegetables on a dry weight basis.

So if you want your grandparents to feel superb, let them indulge in Gardenia High Fiber Wheat Bread and treat them to a delicious and nutritious way to good health.

Honoring the elderly, learning from their life . . .

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Randolph introduced a Grandparents Day resolution in the United States Senate. The resolution languished in committee.

McQuade and her team turned to the media to garner support. They also began contacting governors, senators, and congressmen in every state. And they sent letters to churches, businesses, and numerous national organizations interested in senior citizens. In 1978, five years after its West Virginia inception, the United States Congress passed legislation proclaiming the first Sunday after Labor Day as National Grandparents Day. The proclamation was signed by President Jimmy Carter. (September was chosen for the holiday, to signify the "autumn years" of life).

Marian McQuade and her husband Joe are the parents of 15 children. They have 40 grandchildren, and eight great grandchildren.

The Grandparents Day observed today has three purposes: To honor grandparents; to give grandparents an opportunity to show love for their children's children; and to help children become aware of the strength, information and guidance older people can offer.

Today this event, begun by only a few, is observed by millions throughout the United States, and has crossed borders to be celebrated here in the Philippines.

Grandparents Day is a family day. Schools, churches, and senior organizations honor grandparents with special events. Some families enjoy small, private gatherings. Others celebrate by holding a family reunion. Board games which are easily played by young and old add enjoyment to family gatherings, enhancing "intergenerational interaction".

For those who entertain large groups, it can be fun to have a story-telling time, allowing grandparents to relate stories of their past, enlightening children about "the old days." Also interesting is to take a census, such as oldest and newest grandchild, family with the most grandchildren, and families with five generations present.

As Grandparents Day approaches, help children and/or grandchildren to identify and date all photos in old family albums. Many happy memories can be derived from this. Everyone is a grandchild and can be involved in the observance of this day-a time to discover one's roots and learn patience, understanding and appreciation for the elderly. Grandparents Day is the perfect time to enhance communication between the generations.

Special talents, such as cooking, sculpting or quilting can be passed on to those who display an interest. Old family music, songs and dances, along with their meanings and origins, are important in maintaining a strong sense of family background. Together, reconstruct a family tree, giving children the opportunity to learn the ancestral line of their family. Strive to preserve particular ethnic or religious beliefs.

Many times, only grandparents have answers to questions about family histories. When this information is passed down to the grandchildren, everyone can be assured of the heritage being preserved.

We should not also forget the elderly in nursing homes who are unable to be with their families or have no families. Every effort must be made to include these people in the mainstream through cards, community projects and visitation at times other than just holidays.

There are many elderly who are not fortunate enough to have family nearby. The need is increasing every day to fill the void of their loneliness. In every neighborhood, there are elderly who would love an opportunity to be a foster grandparent. Parents, churches, schools, and senior organizations, help children to adopt a grandparent! (*From wikipedia.com and grandparents-day.com*)

SUPER SENIOR CITIZEN

This Grandparents Day, Maclaris ni Rizal 2006 extends its warmest congratulations to Valerie Dalisay for being its 'Super Senior Citizen'.

When water is harder to swallow than solids

THINK STRINGY MEAT IS tough to chew and swallow? Not according to experts.

Surprisingly, water is hardest to swallow when it comes to patients suffering from dysphagia, a condition characterized by the difficulty or inability to swallow. This is due to the weakness or lack of coordination in the mouth and throat muscles.

According to Dr. Reynaldo R. Rey-Matias, a physical and rehabilitation specialist from St. Luke's Medical Center, "if you have problem with swallowing, the tendency for water is to just pass through; it doesn't stimulate the swallowing reflex itself." Thus, water tends to pass into the lungs instead of the esophagus.

"Normally, we have a gag reflex; we cough it out. That's protective mechanism but patients who have some swallowing problems may not have this cough reflex." He estimates that nearly half of all stroke patients suffer from swallowing problems.

"The hardest food to swallow is that which doesn't form a bolus, or a concentrated mass," Dr. Rey-Matias explained. "They're the kind of food that crumbles or breaks down when chewed, like meat or potato chips." Even rice, unless sticky, is hard to swallow, because the grains tend to separate.

To help patients with swallowing problems, Fresenius Kabi, the leader of infusion therapy and clinical nutrition in Europe, has introduced Thick & Easy in the Philippines. Thick & Easy is a starch-based thickener that, when added to food and drinks, results in a dense, cohesive consistency suitable for patients with swallowing problems.

The product, Dr. Rey-Matias believes, is far better at controlling the consistency of food than proxy thickeners like gelatin or honey. He stresses too that doctors would be in the best position to recommend the amount of Thick & Easy needed by a patient, after diagnosing the stage at which rehabilitation has restored the patient's ability to swallow.

Thick & Easy has allowed patients to take in a variety of "tough to swallow" drinks including juice, carbonated drinks, tea, coffee, and even alcoholic drinks! The required amount of Thick & Easy is added to the drink and then whisked. After letting the mixture stand for a minute, the patient can then enjoy his libation.

A soaking solution can also be made by mixing a tablespoonful of Thick & Easy into 125ml of fruit juice, gravy, water or soup stock. Biscuits or bread can be dipped into the solution and then placed on a plate. After refrigerating for two hours, the biscuits can then be served.

Dr. Rey-Matias also recommends patients to "double-swallow" to ensure that the food really goes down the esophagus. Double swallowing is also therapeutic because it stimulates the muscles of the palate. A chin-tuck is another way to improve the patient's swallowing.

"Changing the consistency of the food and then positioning in compensatory ways helps in the rehabilitation of the patient," Dr. Rey-Matias said.

"Even simple things like if you're feeding a patient, you can't have him lying down because food has a greater tendency to go to the lungs," he added. "The patient should be more or less propped up. At least from 20 to 30 degrees if patient is totally bedridden."

With the well-rounded care of physiatrists, caregivers and nutritional aids like Thick & Easy, nursing stroke patients back to health need not be complicated at all.

Thick & Easy is available at selected Mercury Drugstores. For inquiries on the product, call Fresenius Kabi at 8096492 loc.123.

Dr. P celebrates Grandparents' Day!

IT'S A HAPPY DAY WHEN LOLO and Lola celebrate the time of the year especially made for them --- Grandparents' Day! This is the special day to honor and acknowledge our elderly relatives who have cared for us, nurtured us and stood by us through the ups and downs of life. Some of them may be like second parents to us, and that is why we love them so. That is why we want to make them happy.

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Strong sisterly love and Dr. P

IF THERE IS ONE THING THAT BRINGS A smile to the eyes of Ate Susie Azarcon, loving sister of Nonie Azarcon from the advertising world, it's the thought of the wonderful days of old when her brother Nonie was at the height of his career. Brother and sister flourished, their close relationship getting stronger and stronger during those good times. But life has a way of throwing in an unexpected twist and as a result of this quirk of fate, Nonie's health suffered. Yet even throughout all the challenges, their love for one another never faltered and their bond has grown even more.

These days, Ate Susie's spirit is encouraged by all the love and support given by friends and relatives. As personal nurse to Nonie, she has seen their concern and greatly appreciate all their simple acts of kindness. She fondly recalls how Nonie reacts positively to the tender words of real friends.

Yet from another source comes much comfort and confidence --- Dr. P Adult Diapers. Ever since Nonie started using Dr. P., Ate Susie observed a marked difference. He even said that he feels much more comfortable with Dr. P. Perhaps, Ate Susie thinks, that's because Dr. P is designed for utmost comfort and protection. In fact, the latest improvement of Dr. P Basic Type adult diaper is the adjustable tapes, which allows for a snug and cozy fit. Dr. P also has a layer of deodorizer to neutralize odors, as well as anti-bacterial properties to help prevent skin irritation and infection. And so Ate Susie is happy and grateful for the tender loving affection that is so magical which Dr. P provides for Nonie.

Despite all the trials, Ate Susie smiles a glad smile: "It is true, you'll never know what life will give you next. But it is also a good thing to know that you will have true friends and loved ones who will be by your side no matter what. And one of them is Dr. P Adult Diapers. Thank you Dr. P!"

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- Lunch w/ Serenata Music School Talents
- "Marami nAPO Kami" Paramihan ng Apo Contest
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Sept. 10 - Treat ko si Lolo at Lola Beauty, Health & Vanity Booth
- "Marami nAPO Kami" Paramihan ng Apo Contest

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Sept. 10 - Bird Show by Pro Birds Phils.

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Sept. 10-12 - Garden Show

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Sept. 10 - Grandparents' Day Musical Presentation
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SHAKEY'S delivery boys with Rose Valerio of Pusong Assumptionista

HARDWORKING Popsie Gamboa mixes cement with Nico Delingon.

Feeling homey in the shelter movement

TESSA!

Tessa Prieto-Valdes

IF ORGANIZED CRIME IS A lucrative business, why can't organized charity be just as thriving and productive? Among the charities and organizations I have been involved with, Gawad Kalinga, a Couples For Christ housing project, is one of the most effective. The program has provided not only shelter but also livelihood for thousands of the underprivileged. Their goal—"GK 777," 700,000 homes in 7,000 communities in seven years—is rapidly being fulfilled. Get involved! Call **Rose Valerio** at 8938588 for details and donations.

My pledge this year is to forego big celebrations and focus on charitable acts. I spent my birthday weekend in a joint Assumption-Gawad Kalinga project in Imus, Cavite. Together with a dozen of my Assumption HS '81 classmates, we trekked to Maryville-GK-Pusong Assumptionista to complete two units that we jointly donated with our co-celebrants, the golden girls of Assumption HS '56.

Getting up early on a Saturday morning was the first challenge. After finding the right accessories and footwear to use and providing hats for all, we convoyed to Cavite together with my daughter **Annika** and her cousins. It's never too early to introduce kids to charity!

Besides, the fun began from the moment we entered the van. With the various snacks provided by my trusty friend, **Popsie Gamboa**, one will never go hungry. With her whole family in various food businesses like Milky Way, Cirkulo and Tsukiji, Popsie is the best companion to have on long trips.

After countless calls of "Are we there yet?" from the pre-teens in the back, we finally reached the site where Maryville Emmanuel Homeowner's president **Nanay Lazaro** warmly greeted us. Different companies and individuals fund each GK project and the system involves the homeowners in building each other's houses. The compact units are painted in happy colors and have landscaping to really create appealing surroundings.

After the painting session, I arranged for Shakey's (call 77777, for delivery). I was hoping they would be late so we would get the order for free but they came way ahead of time. Shakey's will soon offer credit-card payment for deliveries. With all the work we did, Shakey's pizza never tasted so good.

Even if we just contributed a fraction compared to the 50 houses that HSBC generously donated, it was so gratifying to actually participate and partially finish a home that will one day be occupied by a deserving person. With GK, any contribution is a good contribution!

Big donor

Another big GK donor is the Concepcion family with their GK Concepcion Village by the Pasig River. At a dinner at the lovely home of **Joey and Marissa Concepcion**, the conversation was all about making positive changes and moving forward with this generation.

Joey is "giving back" by setting up the

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Cebu Rotarians have a new president

CEBU CEBU

Jaime Picornell

GEMA LUISA PIDO WAS INDUCTED AS president of the Rotary Club of Metro Cebu, one of the most active and prestigious service organizations hereabouts. With Gema at the helm, expect the club to scale greater heights.

The program, dinner and fellowship were held at the Salon Madrid of the Casino Español de Cebu. Rotary district governor **Fernando Almeda Jr.** was inducting officer.

The Rotary Club of Metro Cebu (RCMC) has a dynamic leadership. **Leo Limjenco** is president-elect for 2007 and director for international service. The other officers are VP **Ed Barrita**, secretary **Andres Llanos**, treasurer **Floram Limotlimot**, auditor **Alain Señerpida**, protocol officer **Hector Rosello**, and immediate past president **Danny Guinto**.

All the directors have special assignments: lawyer **Rudy Cabrera** and Dr. **Susan Valmayor**, club service; Dr. **Wyben Briones** and Dr. **Jojo Flordelis**, community service; **Lambert Lim**, vocational service; and Dr. **Vic Balbuena**, youth service.

Guest speaker during the induction was professor **Edmundo G. Garcia**, who came from London just for the occasion. "Who can say no to a kissing cousin like Gema?" he quipped during a lighter moment.

Professor Garcia, an international figure, spoke on the subject he knows best—peace. At the moment, he is senior policy adviser of International Alert, a nongovernment organization. He is much involved in conflict prevention and peace-building activities. He travels all over the world to speak in different fora, and to help when disasters occurs.

Group singing

The Metro Rotarians, as they are called, are a lively and merry bunch. They work hard, and they enjoy their gatherings. On this special evening, they sang with gusto songs in the printed program, livening up the party even more.

ROTARIANS all in a row. Bruce Parker, Gema Pido, Danny Guinto, Elton Cuna, Susan Valmayor, Alain Señerpida, Vic Balbuena and Floram Limotlimot

But they kept quiet when they heard good singing like **Zari Vidal's**, who regaled the Rotarians with her repertoire of operatic arias.

During the event, awards were given to deserving members who, throughout the year, helped the club obtain its lofty goals. Warmly welcomed were three new members who were inducted that evening: **Bruce Parker**, who is from Australia; and two young ladies in their early 20s—**Maria Rosalie Arendayen**, a pharmacist; and **Gigi Leyson**, a graduate of mass communications.

For Gema, her presidency in the RCMC culminates a lifetime dedicated to charity and service work. In this she takes after her late parents, Capt. **Pablo** and papal lady **Luisa** (nèe Alvares) **Pido** who helped establish the Ladies of Charity at the orphanage Asilo de la Medalla Milagrosa.

Gema counts on a solid organization within the club, the RCMC Foundation, set up to institutionalize projects and initiate new ones. The RCMC Foundation is currently chaired by Dr. **W. Briones**, a past president of the club and a constant presence in all its outreach activities.

With so many prominent doctors as members, RCMC had several medical missions throughout Cebu province and neighboring islands. Hundreds of minor, and some major, surgeries have been performed by these dedicated volunteers.

Lights on

Gema tells us about the forthcoming project dubbed "Rotary Lights an Island." It will benefit an islet in Bohol that enjoys only two hours of electricity a day, but pays an exorbitant price. Gema and the rest of the Metro Rotarians wants Pamilacan lit up all night, if possible.

How they will do it is a feat of tenacity and dedication. They are bringing in powerful battery-operated lamps from Hong Kong. The batteries can be recharged by one or more intrepid fellows pedaling a bicycle with the necessary attachments. We wanted to see it and Gema said, "I'll show you one day."

Also for the benefit of the Pamilacan folk is the establishment of a cooperative that will sell basic food supplies. One *ganta* of rice can be very expensive if one has to take a pump boat to mainland Bohol and bring it back to Pamilacan.

It all sounds daunting, but the Metro Rotarians of Cebu are ready to face the challenge. We salute and applaud them, hoping many others will follow their example.

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DAY 1 September 14, Thursday
9:00 Registration and Conference Program Overview
9:30 Ribbon Cutting
10:15 Awarding of the 10 Inspiring Technopreneurs
10:45 **FORUM 1: "Profiling the Technopreneur"** Panelists: Jaime Augusto Zobel de Ayala (Ayala Corp.), Atty. Felipe Gozon (GMA Network). Moderators: Myla Villanueva (MDI Group Holdings), Joey Concepcion (PCE) & Cito Beltran (ANC)
1:00 **FORUM 2: "Broadbanding your Business"** Panelists: Ben Colayco (Level Up!), Ray Espinosa (ePLDT), Tunde Falunwa (Bayantel), Judd Gallares (GMA New Media Inc.), Minette Navarrete (Globe Telecom), Ricardo Pronove (GoVida), Dr. Bill Torres (Mozcom), Dennis Valdes (Philweb) Moderators: Dondi Mapa (Dell Philippines) & Ces Drilon (ABS-CBN Broadcasting)*
2:45 **FORUM 3: "Growing Money from Trees: Business Opportunities in Biotechnology"** Panelists: Dr. Nina Halos (Arnichem Biofertilizers), Jun Lao (Chemrez Biodiesel), Sammy Latay (Elixir Pacific International Corp.), Danny Manayaga (Secura Natural Products) Moderators: Maoi Arroyo (Hybridigm Consulting) & Mari Kaimo (ABS-CBN)

DAY 2 September 15, Friday
10:10 **FORUM 4: "Jumpstarting your Tech Venture"** Panelists: Domingo Bonifacio (Remec Broadband Wireless), Joey Gurango (Webworks), Martin Lichauco (Walden International Phils), Atty. Christopher Lim (Quisumbing Torres Law Firm), Dennis Mendiola (Chikka Asia), Dennis Posadas (Rice Bowl and Chips Author), Mark Yambot (Microsoft) Moderators: Paco Sandejas (Narra VC) & Pia Hontiveros (ANC)
1:00 **Idea Factory** Promising technologies/applications from IT companies, researchers and scientists are presented as business opportunities to entrepreneurs, funders and angel investors, in search of mentoring and financial support for incubation, development and next-stage growth. Reactors: Maoi Arroyo (Hybridigm Consulting), Joey Gurango (Webworks), Dickie Gonzalez (PESO); VC/Investor Panel: Martin Lichauco (Walden International Phils.), Guillermo Luchango (ICCP), Paco Sandejas (Narra VC), Myla Villanueva (MDI Group Holdings) Moderators: Anthony Pangilinan, Twink Macaraig (ANC)*
2:30 **FORUM 5: "Trending Tomorrow: Where Technology is Taking Us"** Panelists: Patrick Aronson (Motorola), Ricky Banaag (Intel), Ernest Cu (SPi Technologies), Tunde Falunwa (Bayantel), Benedict Hernandez (eTelecare Global Solutions), TJ Javier (Microsoft), Butch Jimenez (PLDT), Patricio Pineda (Globe Telecom) Moderators: Anthony Pangilinan, Karen Davila (ABS-CBN)*, and Myla Villanueva (MDI Group Holdings)
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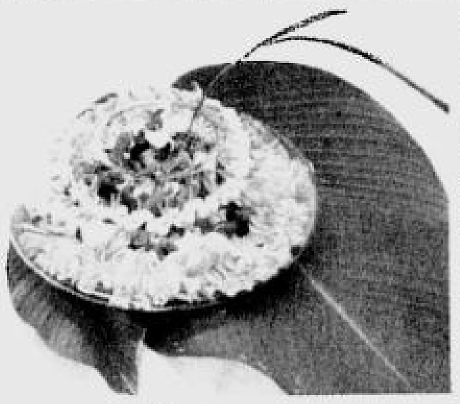

SEMINAR-WORKSHOP

A flower arrangement seminar-workshop will be conducted by Eunice Teo Khee Choo on Sept. 19, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., at the Legend Villas, Pioneer corner Madison and Sheridan streets, Mandaluyong City. The next day, the 2nd Amateur Floral Arrangement Competition, will be held at the Dangwa Flower Market, Sampaloc, Manila. Choo is currently the chief instructor and designer of Antrol Flower Designing Center in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Call 2420964, 7462496 or 6314429.

PRESIDENTIAL adviser Art Yap with lovely wife Carol

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MCDO'S dream team Kenneth and Cindy Yang

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ASSUMPTION classmate Jojo Ongsiako with Taguig First Lady Kaye Tinga and daughter Kerry

Feeling homey in the shelter movement

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Philippine Center for Entrepreneurship, which focuses on developing the entrepreneurial capabilities of Filipinos.

On Sept. 14, Joey launches TechnoNegosyo at the World Trade Center, part of his GoNegosyo campaign but targeted at "technopreneurs." One of the sponsors is my husband **Dennis'** new company, PhilWeb Corp., which works closely with Pagcor on Internet-related stuff. PhilWeb will be showing how technopreneurs can operate their own Pagcor-licensed Internet Casino Stations.

Pagcor is one of those government entities that attract a lot of flack but it's amazing how much good they actually do. They work with the Bureau of Internal Revenue on Premyo sa Resibo, for example, encouraging all of us to get official receipts—thus improving tax collection efforts nationwide. Tonight, they launch a new TV game show, "Araw-araw Premyo Sa Resibo," on NBN at 9:15 p.m. after the lotto draw. Contestants get the chance to win P1 million daily!

Taguig housing project

Back to innovative mass housing projects: Taguig City Mayor **Freddie Tinga** envisions building at least 30,000 dwelling units for the homeless of his city through the Taguig Family Townhouses. It is an effective project by local government in partnership with the private sector who donate finance, construction materials, manpower or professional services (call 6283627 to contribute). In my case, I contributed interior-design services.

STRUMM'S party set Joyce Aragon, Lizette Banson-Cojuangco, Sandy Lamb-Moran, Rhona Lopa-Macasaet, Kenneth Go and Andie Recto-Montenegro

YOUNG "technopreneurs" Jay Aldeguer, Vivienne Tan, Dennis Valdes and Myla Villanueva

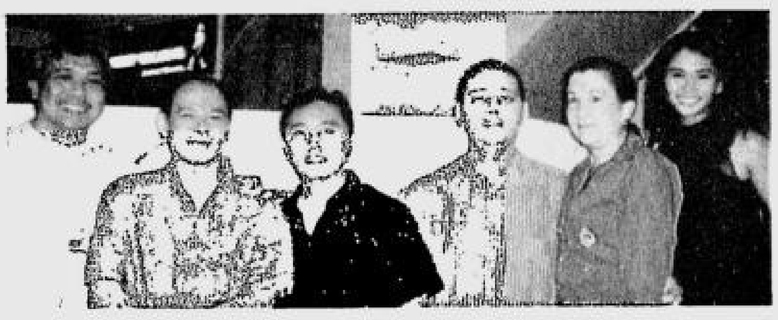
SMART Infinity family. Tim Yap, Julie Carceller, Kristine Pilapil and Bong Mojica

Graced by the government's housing czar, Vice President **Noli de Castro**, the inauguration had guests viewing the eight model units by **Anna Sy, Arturo Go, Doltz Pilar** and **Joey Mastrili**, to name a few. I furnished my colorful unit with furniture and accessories from Metro Gaisano. Since Metro at Market! Market! is just around the corner, they were able to deliver and arrange everything in a day. Metro has a complete selection of home furnishings at very reasonable prices.

McDo bash

Keeping my no-big-celebrations pledge, my birthday was spent at the McDonald's 25th anniversary celebration at the Makati Shang. **Sharon Cuneta, Pops Fernandez, Jasmine Trias, José Mari Chan, Rachelle Gerodias** and **Michael Williams** were joined by McDo patriarch **George Yang**, and they all sang for the benefit of the McDonald's Foundation.

ASSUMPTION HS '81 dance practice with choreographer Batche Tan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SUMMIT'S Lisa Gokongwei Cheng flanked by Jun Poblador and Arnold Vegafria

METRO Gaisano owner Margaret Gaisano Ang, Julie Montano and Taguig Mayor Freddie Tinga

DESIGNER Arturo Go in Taguig unit

McDo royal couple **Kenneth** and **Cindy Yang** wondered why I was spending my birthday there and after I explained my charity-focused pledge, they said it was lucky since Dennis wouldn't have to treat me for dinner that day.

From there, my past-midnight partner-in-crime **Tim Yap** brought me to the relaunch of Strumm's along Jupiter Street, Makati, sponsored by Smart Infinity. **EJ Litton** is retaking the reigns of this nightspot that he and my late brother, **Louie Prieto**, started in the early '90s. Among the guests was Smart's new marketing whiz, **Bong Mojica**, who is just settling in after his literally high-flying days with Cebu Pacific.

Before the clock struck 12, amiable **Jackie Ejercito-Lopez** invited me to share her birthday cake. Of course, she had a few less candles to blow but no one seemed to mind, least of all her cool husband **Beaver**.

That's the beauty of life's many blessings—once shared they multiply even more. May you touch someone's life and make a positive difference even in the most minuscule way.

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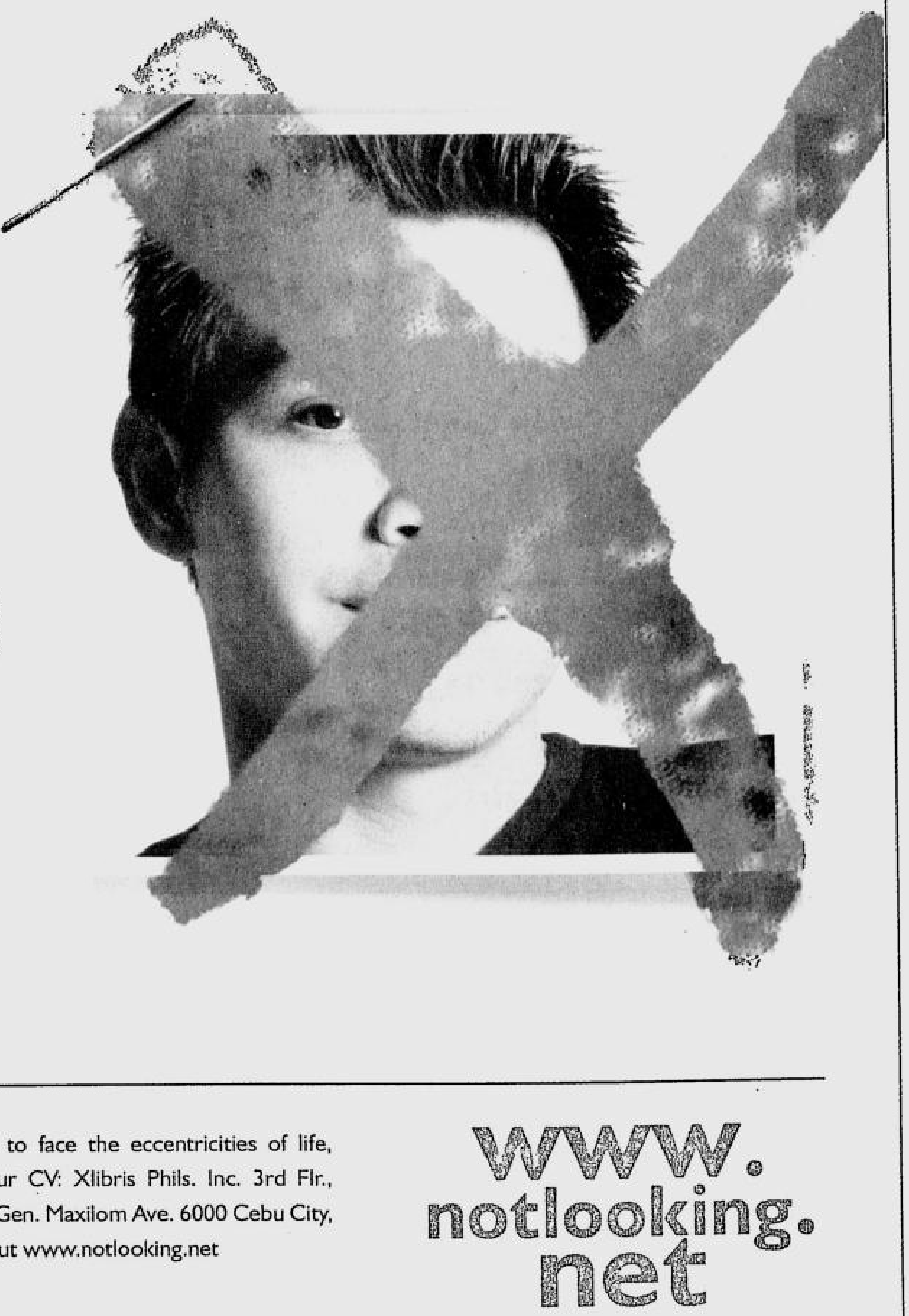

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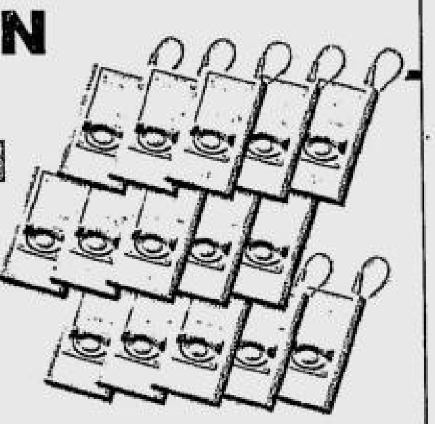

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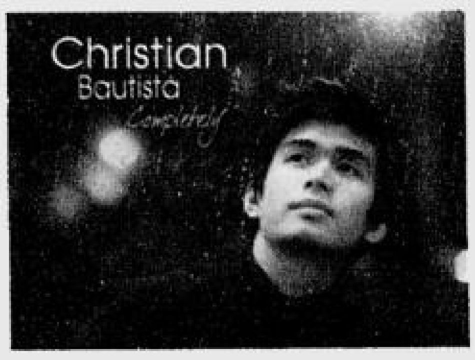

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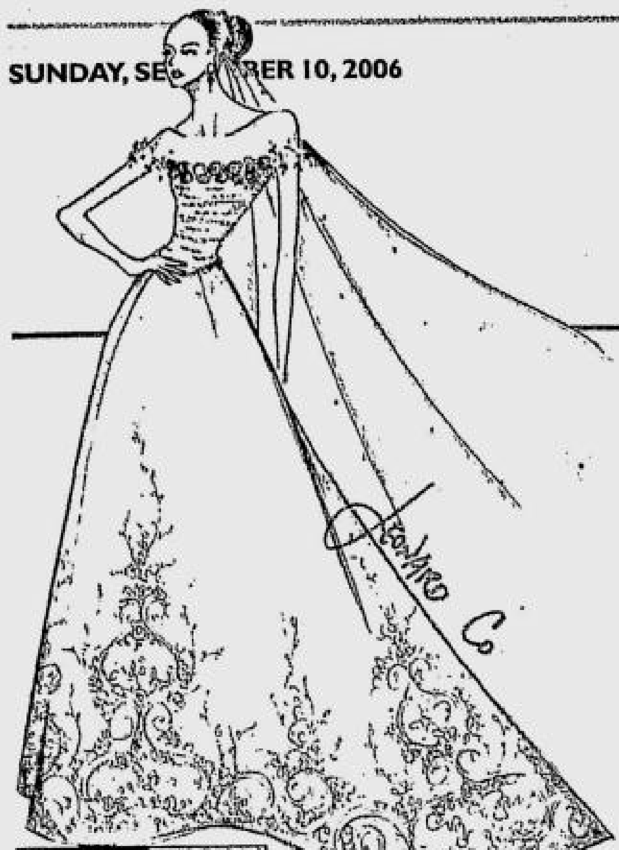

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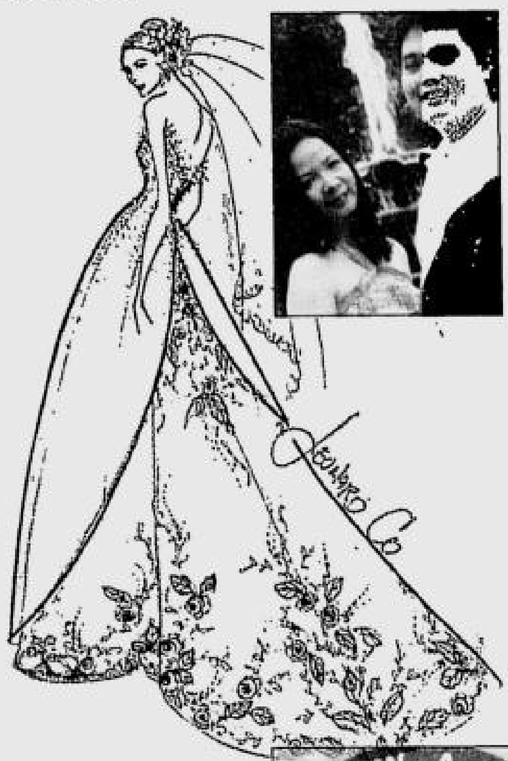
ALVARO-CARANDANG

Jamile G. Alvaro, youngest son of former Ambassador **Jesus** and **Iluminada Alvaro**, wed recently **Angelita P. Carandang**, eldest daughter of **Carlito** and **Fenicula Carandang**, at the Kanlaon Room, Century Park Hotel, Malate, Manila.

ASERON-BAYAUA

Regie D. Aseron, son of **Rogelio** and **Avelina Aseron**, will wed **Hazel May Bayaua**, daughter of **Francisco** and **Magdalena Bayaua**, today (Sept. 10) at St. Louis Beltran Parish, Solano, Nueva Vizcaya.

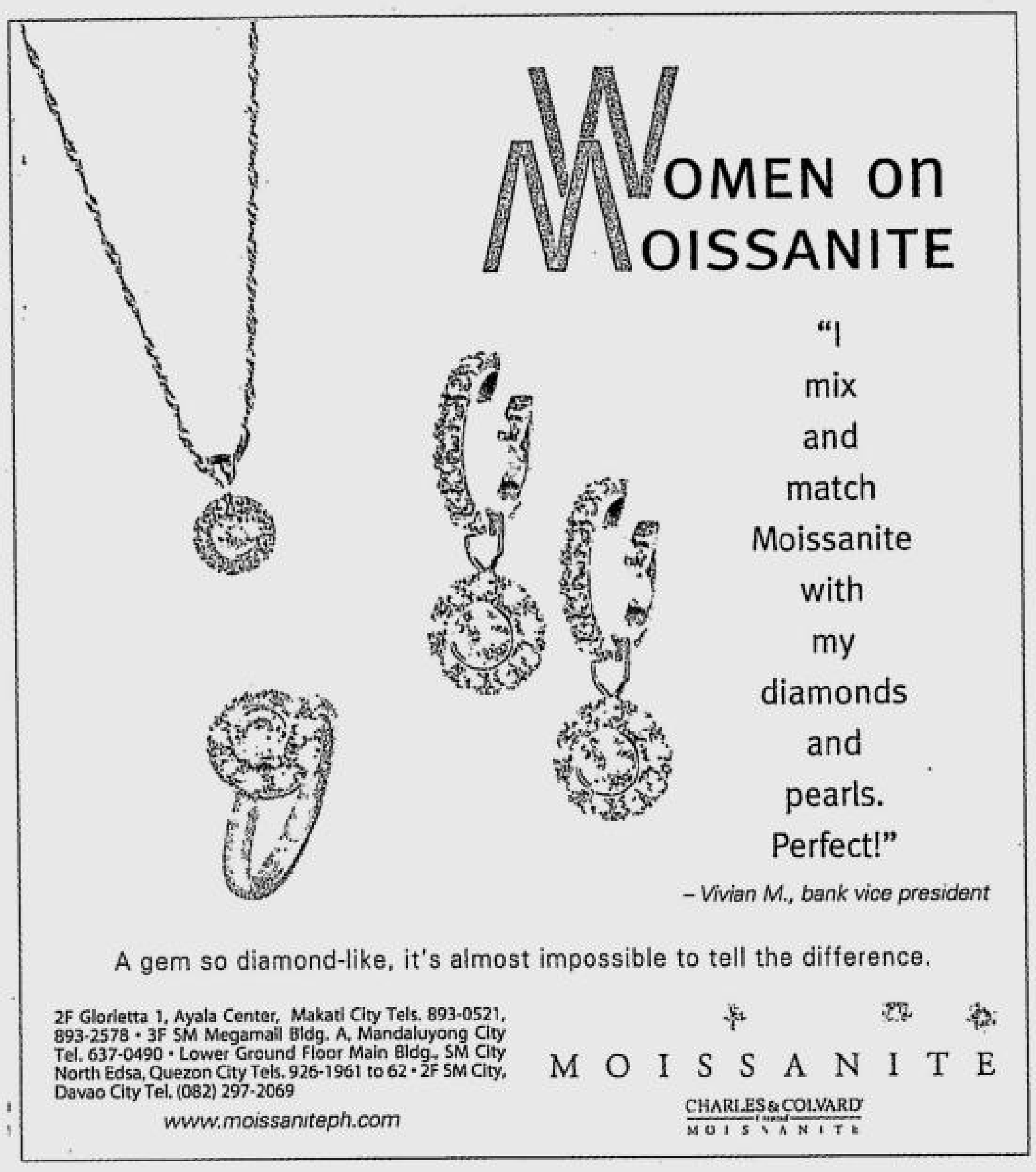
The bride will wear an all-white organdy with crushed bustier accented in rolled silk flowers, and fully beaded with a touch of pink and a three-meter cathedral train designed by **Leonard Co.**



ONGCHANGCO-CANLAS

Rodolfo Ongchangco Jr., son of **Rodolfo** and **Angelita Ongchangco**, and **Adalia Canlas**, daughter of **Alejandro** and **Adelaida Canlas**, exchanged vows recently at San Agustin Church.

The bride wore an ecru duchess sateen tube-top gown accentuated with Swarovski brooches, bouffant skirt with metallic organdy train, fully beaded in floral and leaf designs of crystal cut glass, nacre and pearls, designed by **Leonard Co.**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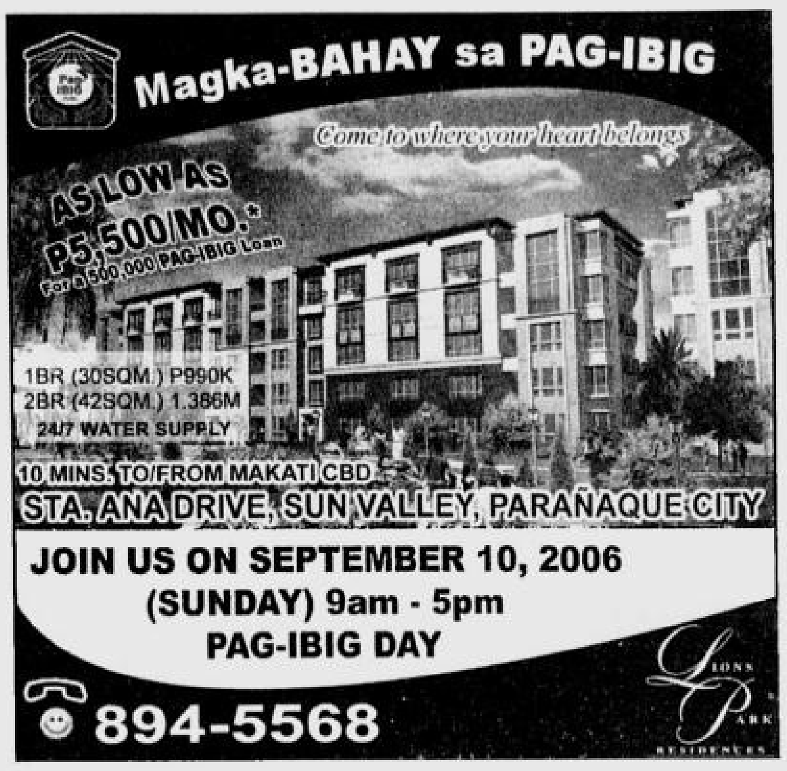
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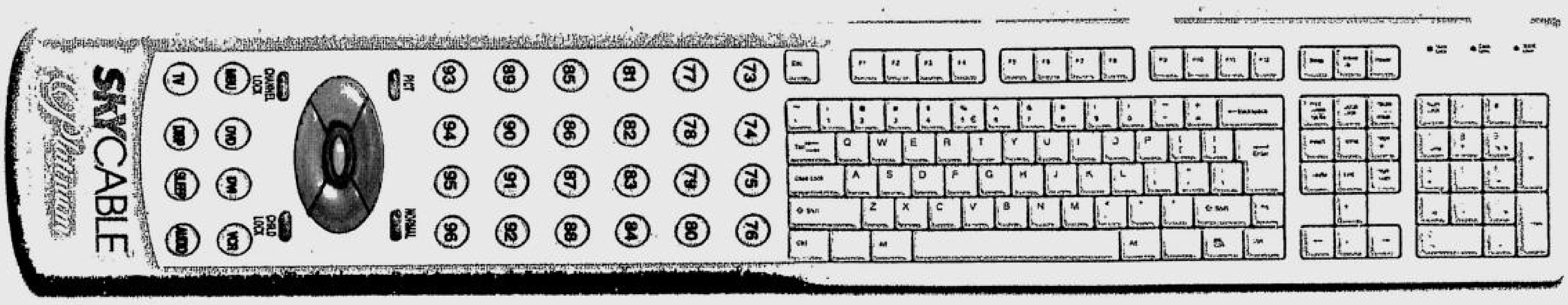

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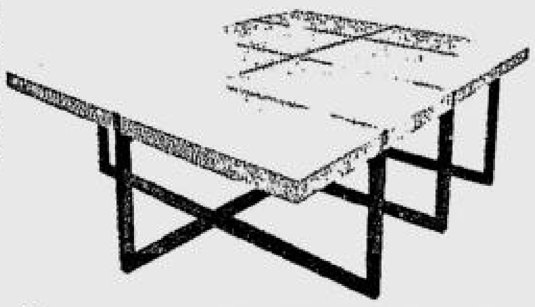

DINING table with sculptural legs

DINING set with glass-top table

ANSI dining chair

A chair is not a chair

Furniture is not just furniture. Its value goes beyond mere use

Text by Alex Y. Vergara
Photos by Chito Vecina

A FURNITURE PIECE THAT lasts a lifetime is serviceable. Interior and furniture designer Tina Periquet believes a furniture piece must withstand several generations for it to qualify as exceptional.

Heirloom-quality or investment-grade furniture, she says, gets more valuable with time. Once a piece becomes invaluable, it ceases to be mere furniture and has earned the right to be called an antique.

Of course, one of the qualities of a good furniture piece is its ability to fulfill its basic functions. A chair, no matter how beautiful or expensive it is, is no good if it falls apart under normal use.

"That's why an object's ability to perform the job it was intended for shouldn't be just for a limited period of time," says Periquet. "Good furniture can be handed down from one generation to the next as an heirloom piece."

As the principal designer of Casa Periquet (tel. 8102315), New York-trained Periquet is an exponent of quality and elegant furniture pieces that highlight the use of interlocking joints, dovetails and other forms of exposed joinery.

"No furniture retains its value if it's only seen as furniture," Periquet says. "Our furniture pieces, for instance, are handmade from the best materials."

Apart from fulfilling its basic functions, the mark of an excellent furniture piece can also be gleaned from its construction. That's why resorting to nails and other forms of shortcuts are anathema to Periquet, who professes to employ an architectural approach when it comes to designing furniture.

More often than not, such an approach results in pieces that cast an interplay between light and shadow through such clean, minimalist elements as straight lines, seamless joinery and lattice screens. Periquet's methods can probably be attributed to her architectural background and the fact that she's also adept at designing spaces.

"Style is less important than the approach," adds Periquet, who leads a group of 10 designers. "We just don't say let's do this, let's do that. What we do is we design a collection based on a particular thought. What people think of it later is based on how they perceive it."

Offshoot

Casa Periquet is actually an offshoot of Periquet-Galicia, a separate interior-design company Periquet has also established that's in the business of creating living spaces. Among its more famous projects are model units of Metropolitan Tower, The Fairways, One McKinley Place and Serendra.

"One thing led to another," says Periquet. "Creating spaces also means tailoring furniture that would go into these spaces. We couldn't entertain clients who were interested in our furniture pieces then. That's why we opened Casa Periquet."

She and her team at Casa Periquet (including brother Paolo, the company's business manager) fashion original furniture pieces mostly from recycled Philippine hardwood such as *narra* and *balayong*. Less expensive and plentiful Philippine mahogany such as *tanguile* and *lauan* is tucked away in hidden areas such as the insides of drawers and the top and base of cabinets.

They were all set to use Philippine mahogany more extensively until they discovered its limitations. For one, it gets dented easily. Its grains are also not as beautiful and as pronounced as that of more celebrated and expensive hardwoods.

Balayong, for instance, is naturally red and denser than *narra*. To some people, it's more beautiful than the latter, says Periquet. So as not to mar or obscure the wood's unique grains, *balayong* is best left in its pristine state with very minimal finishes.

"There's not enough hardwood left in the country," she concedes. "We only use reclaimed wood taken from old structures that were unfortunately torn down to make way for new buildings. We don't tear down old houses ourselves."

Speaking of appearance, Periquet also stresses the importance of communicating an idea through your furniture pieces. In other words, a chair or sofa is no mere object of utility (otherwise, we'd all be stuck with similar items), but also an expression of its owner's personality and his or her needs, biases and lifestyles.

On a more practical note, when you're buying furniture pieces, it pays to know how an item was made and what it was made of. Periquet assures the uninitiated that he or she need not hire the services of an interior designer (although it does help) to immediately spot shoddy workmanship.

For instance, a good way of evaluating a desk is to pull open its drawers and examine the joinery. When it comes to sofas, look for models made of several layers of materials, as those made purely of foam are generally inferior.

"If it's too soft, you'd feel like you're sitting on a cloud for a year or so," says Periquet. "After that, it becomes lumpy and no longer springs back after it has been sat on. It pays to know your materials."

And never ever buy a chair or sofa without ever sitting on it, she cautions. This may sound strange even downright stupid, but it's happening with increasing frequency among the clueless as Internet and catalog shopping gain more popularity. It's reassuring to know the piece you're buying is for keeps.

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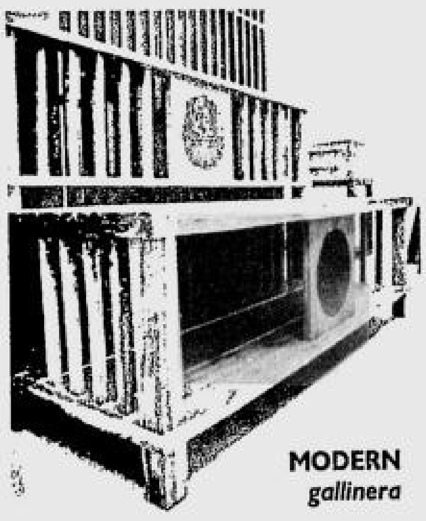
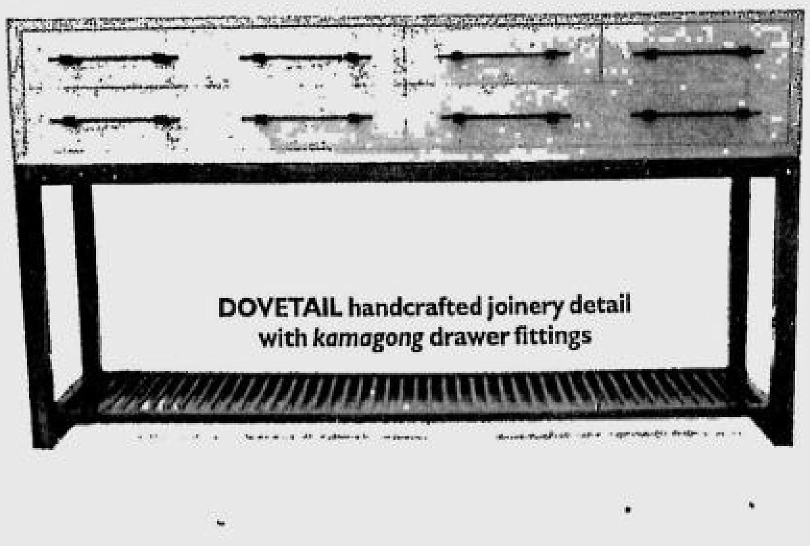
STUDY desk with Isabella chair

ROBERTO flatform sofa



MODERN *gallinera*

MANUEL sideboard



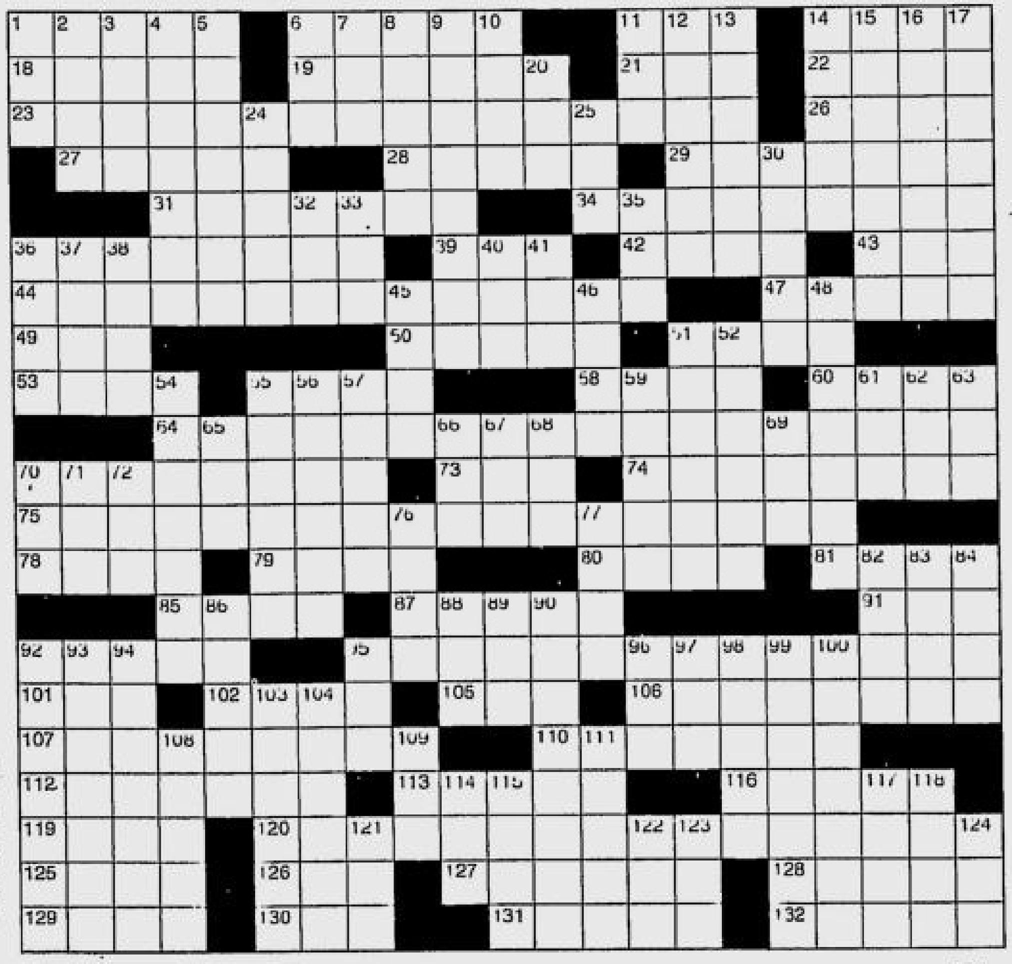
DOVETAIL handcrafted joinery detail with *kamagong* drawer fittings

SUNDAY CROSSWORD

PREMIER CROSSWORD/ By Frank A. Longo — FOR PC TYPES

ACROSS
1 Puts on staff
6 Of the city
11 Paramedic's skill
14 Hog food
18 Singer Cara
19 Rolls- — (ritzy cars)
21 Tiller's tool
22 Trillion: Prefix
23 Regulating device
26 X-ray units
27 "Suzanne" songwriter Leonard
28 Vowel run
29 Vituperative speeches
31 Dull
34 Employment system that may include a "graveyard"
36 "In my opinion ..."
39 Dog's jingler
42 — -Tass (Russian news agency)
43 Pop/soul singer Des'—
44 Phrase that might hint at a potential pun
47 — so often
49 Wee, like Abner
50 Zora — Hurston
51 Sitar star Shankar
53 Raced
55 Church nook
58 Actor Baldwin
60 E. — (bacteria)
64 Clint Eastwood action film
70 Snake venom neutralizers
73 Heifer, e.g.
74 Wordiness
75 It has four dimensions
78 Jokester Johnson
79 "— boy!"
80 Poker table payment
81 Highly self-satisfied
85 Risque
87 Leadfoot's nemesis
91 Store clerk on "The Simpsons"
92 Infomercial knife
95 1973 Bruce Lee film
101 Yoko of "Double Fantasy"
102 2004-06 CIA director Porter —
105 Actress Tilly
106 Ladling out
107 He had a #1 hit with "Young Love"
110 Of standard quality
112 Siren, e.g.
113 Bouquet
116 Decree
119 Theater row
120 Where to find the starts of 23, 34, 44, 64, 75, 95, and 107-Across
125 Acad.
126 Vigoda of "Fish"
127 School paper holder
128 Bert's buddy
129 Cats, often
130 T. —
131 Bit of hail
132 Muralist Rivera

DOWN
1 Lush sound?
2 Sporty Camaro
3 Nevada city
4 Get excited
5 More calm
6 Hi-tech address
7 CD- —
8 Play it — (ad-lib)
9 One admitted to a college, e.g.
10 Old soda brand
11 The Windy City, briefly
12 Sticky note
13 Notes after do
14 Sipping aid
15 Galena, e.g.
16 Diner choosing a dish
17 Versatile lock opener
20 — Luis, Brazil
24 Start
25 Frat letters
30 Bishop's title: Abbr.
32 G-K linkup
33 — -Z (thorough)
35 Go hastily
36 Distresses
37 Little cut
38 Nantucket, for one
40 "Bingo!"
41 Salon goop
45 Leg joint
46 Enlarge, as a hole
48 Predators' targets
51 Give in
52 Accumulate, as interest
54 Frost melters
55 — acid (vinegar component)
56 Equivalence
57 Sends cyber-ads to
59 "Alice" star Linda
61 Man-mouse connection
62 Fail to keep pace
63 Suffix with special
65 Map dir.
66 TV-overseeing agcy.
67 Piglet's pal
68 BYOB part
69 "Aladdin" monkey
70 Simile middle
71 "Car Talk" airer
72 Tit for —
76 Merit
77 Vinegary
82 Three wise men
83 "— my word!"
84 — -ho
86 Soothsayer
88 Dispenser of 20s
89 Poor grade
90 War of words
92 Was rewarded for good service
93 Queued up
94 Most lordly
95 Ending for Siam
96 Follower of FDR
97 Friendly opener?
98 Friend of Sneezy
99 Foundation for a train track
100 Not based on previous study
103 Small, as a garage
104 Disco flasher
108 Is in pain
109 Sharp knock
111 Game show announcer Don
114 Irritation
115 Mayberry sot
117 Walking aid
118 Math subj.
121 Tex- —
122 "Jeopardy!" king Jennings
123 Before, to Shelley
124 Galba's god



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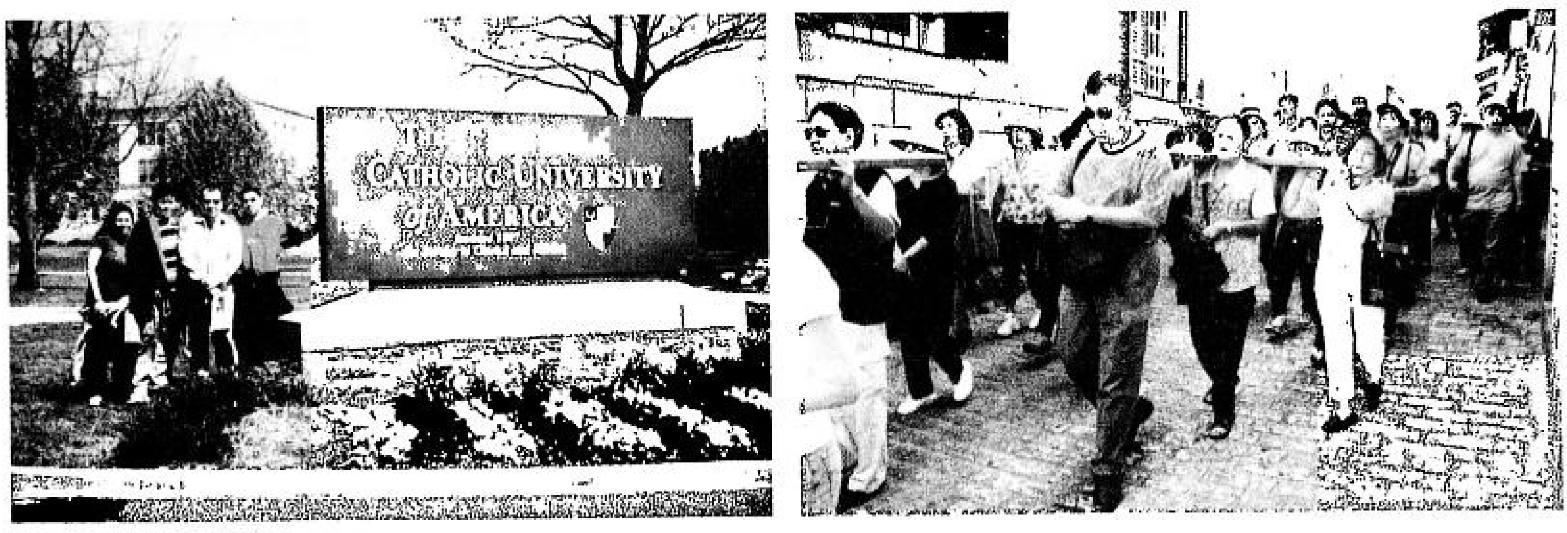

BOB ZOZOBRADO (extreme left photo, second from right) and his children Ana, Carlos and Miguel at the Catholic University of America on the outskirts of Washington, DC; Zozobrado retraces the Way of the Cross during a pilgrimage to the Holy Land.

A prayer group for business people

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Josephine Darang

SERVANT LEADER BOB ZOZObrado, who used to be Northwest Airlines' general manager, is with the 10-year-old Emmanuel Brethren, a S.A.L.T team (cell group) of the Emmanuel Catholic Charismatic Community.

He said attending regularly the 7 p.m. Wednesday prayer meeting at the function room of the Federal Restaurant in Ayala Avenue gave him the spiritual nourishment he needed as a PR man and events consultant.

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Retreats for priests

Theological Centrum is inviting diocesan priests to attend retreats Oct. 2-5 at the Makiling Conference Center in Calamba, Laguna, and Nov. 13-16 at the Tagaytay Conference Center in Mendez, Cavite. The retreat starts 11 a.m. on the first day and ends 9:30 a.m. on the last day. Fr. Michael Cardenas is Centrum director. Call 6356113 or fax 6348590.

Speakers are Fr. Ferdinand Cruz and Fr. Julio Peñacoba.

Chapel

The first Expiatory Chapel in the Philippines was blessed June 23, feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, by Monsignor Florentino F. Cinense, bishop of the diocese of Tarlac.

The chapel at McArthur Highway in Barangay Parsolingan, Gerona, Tarlac, was designed and built by Fr. Alex Bautista, director of the Diocesan Commission for the Cultural Heritage of the Church, with the help of generous donors. The chapel has a Romanesque design and can seat 100.

Since the chapel is a manifestation of the call to repentance and reparation by the faithful, confessions are being heard in Filipino, Kapampangan, Ilokano and English.

Pilgrims and travelers are invited to spend a few minutes in prayer and meditation at the chapel, according to Isabel Cojuangco Suntay. Call 8100001.

Feast of Tabernacle

Israel will celebrate in the beginning of October Succoth, the Feast of the Tabernacle which, according to Raphael Ben-Hur, senior deputy director general of Tourism Services, is always a joyous event. With the end of the hostilities in the area, it is now safe to travel to Israel.

Succoth is the Jewish Harvest Festival. It begins on the 15th of the Hebrew month of Tishni and is usually held in September and October. The celebration lasts seven days.

Succoth traditions and customs have both historical and religious significance. The festival dates back to the time when Hebrews wandered in the wilderness en route to Canaan (now Israel). During their pilgrimage, they lived in temporary booths.

The open living space is called a *succah*. People also gathered in *sukkot* (plural of *succah*) to worship and share meals. Thus, Succoth is also called the Feast of Tabernacle.

During harvest time, farmers lived in *sukkot* in open fields. They use Succoth as an occasion to thank God for the crops.

Thousands of Jews are expected to arrive in the Holy Land in October. Ephesus Travel has invited Fr. Larry Faraon to lead pilgrims on Nov. 6. Text 0917-8938267 or call 527-1251.

Fiesta

Pilgrims will travel to Naga for the feast of Our Lady of Peñafrancia on Sept. 17. The fluvial procession will be held Sept. 16. The image of

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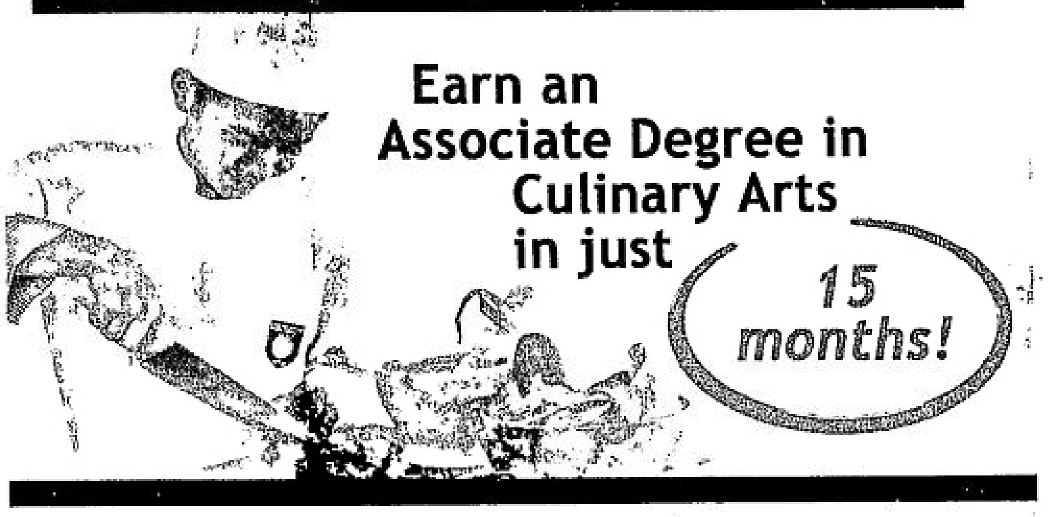

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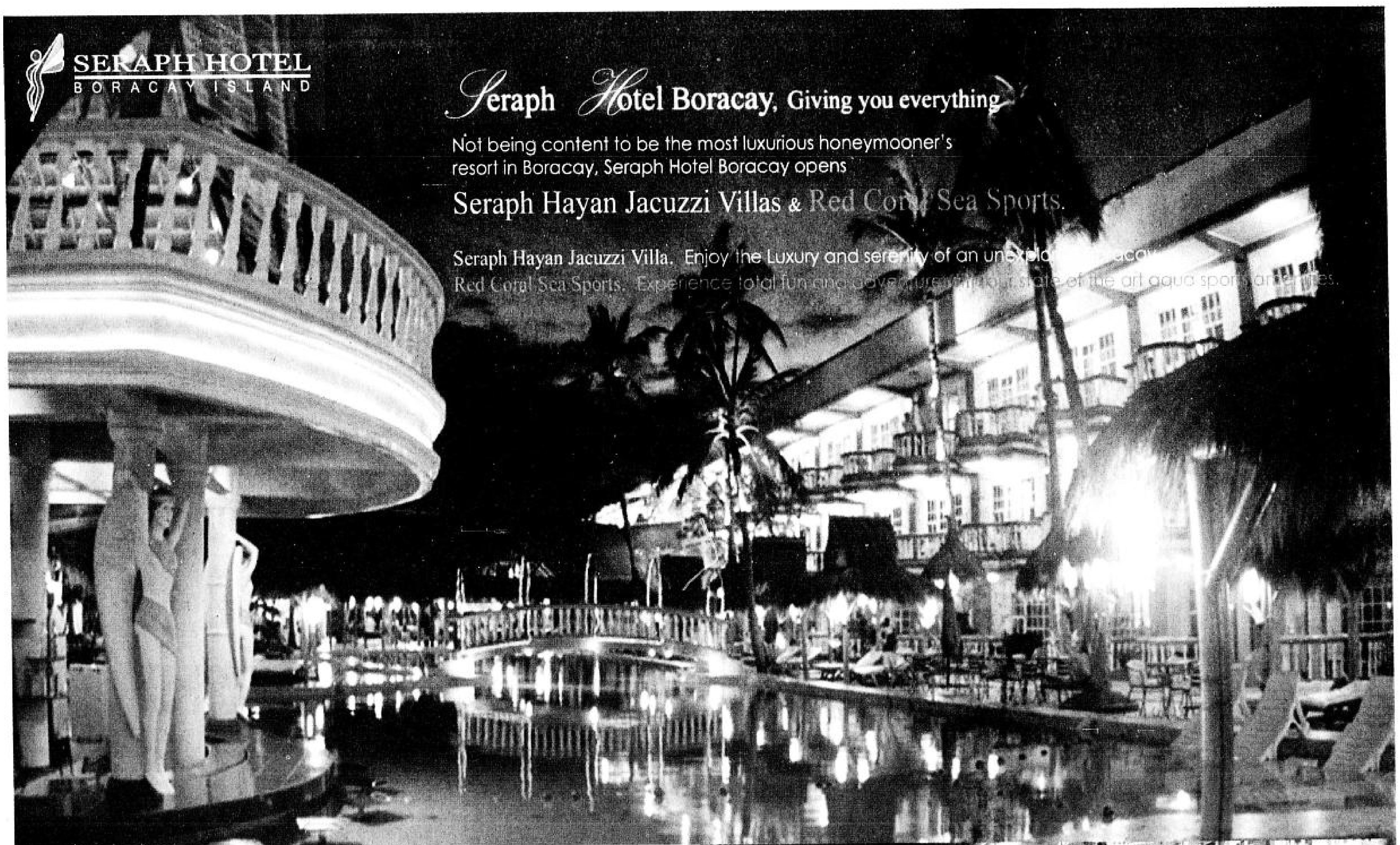

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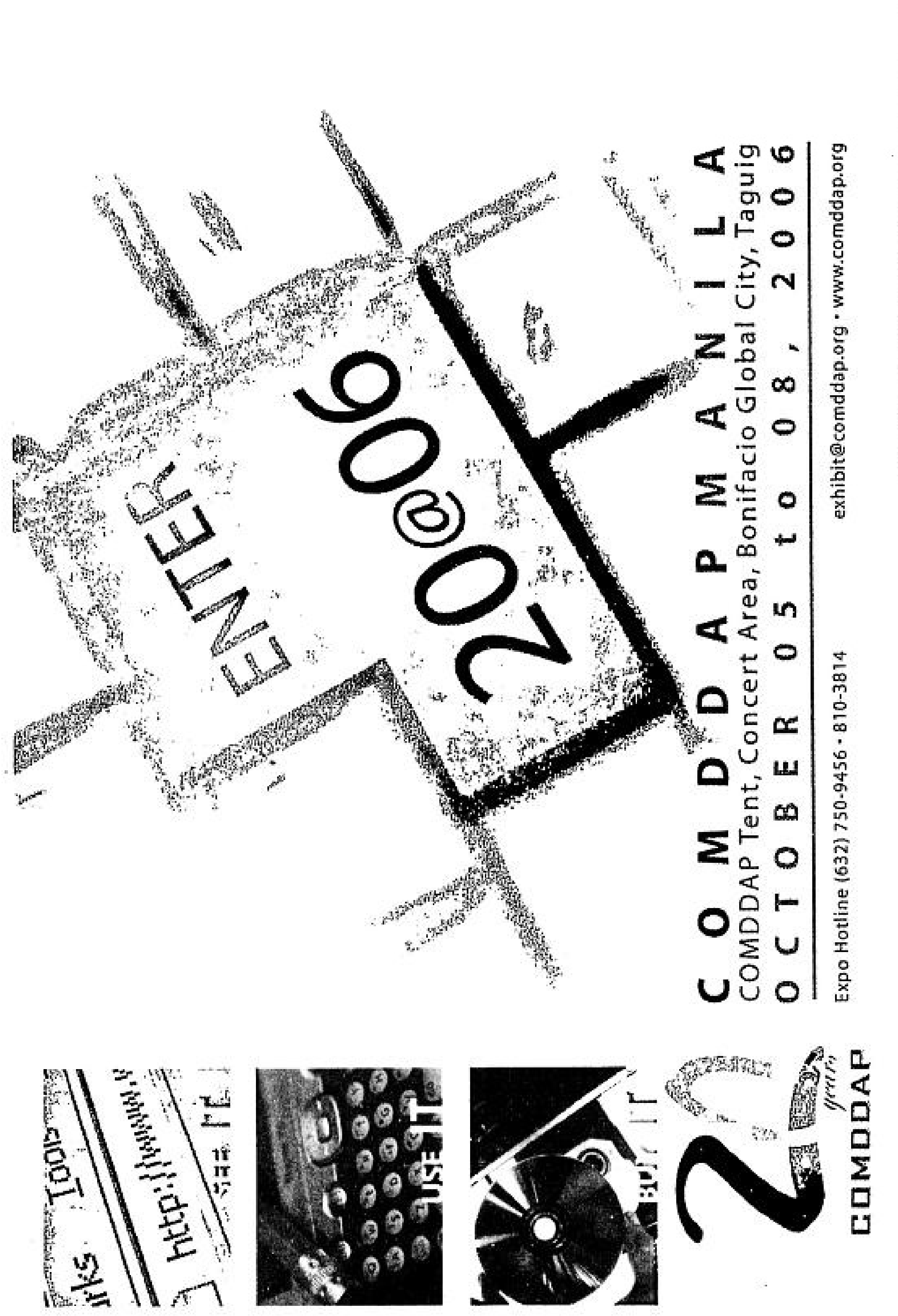

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Husband's second family is growing

EMILY'S POST

Emily A. Marcelo

DEAR EMILY,

I am 39 years old, married with an 8-year-old son. I have not had a sex life since four years ago after I had a total hysterectomy (surgical removal of the uterus) due to endometrial cancer.

I found out a year ago that my husband has another family in a nearby town and he has a year-old daughter. I've never seen his mistress but I heard she's 27 years old and separated from her husband.

We've always had problems in our marriage but my husband has assured me he will never leave us come what may—because we are his "family." He said I just had to accept his "other" family because he had a responsibility to support them, too.

He works in a construction company and is away half of the time. He stays with this other woman for half of the week. Although I know what is happening, I go into deep depression every time he leaves me. I find myself crying until he comes back.

Recently, I heard the woman was pregnant with their second child. This means the support and attention for us will be lessened even more.

What should I do? Is it OK if I talk to the girl and her parents? They are under the impression that my husband is separated.

Every time we have a confrontation, I challenge him to leave us, and to just support me and my son. But he refuses to leave us.

This is his second serious affair. After he left me the first time, we only reconciled because our eldest son died.

JAZZ

I hate confrontations, especially with people who have no business being in my life. You should, too!

Don't demean yourself by talking to this concubine and her parents. Whatever for in heaven's name?

Do you think she will run for cover when she sees you coming? She has your husband to herself half of the week. She has nothing to do with you!

Talk to your husband directly and tell him exactly how much he is hurting you. If you honestly want to separate from this creep, go about it the right way.

Consult a lawyer about how to separate from him and still be able to protect what is morally and lawfully yours. No need to worry about lawyer's fees yet. There are many pro bono government lawyers who can advise you. Go and see one without telling your husband—yet.

Do it immediately, considering his "growing" other family. It's OK to be miserable, get depressed and cry a river till your tears reach the underground water table—if this will give you strength to watch out for yourself. Who else will, pray tell?

With your sex life dead in the water and your husband's blatant and cruel admission of this "other" family with his young mistress, do you honestly believe that your marriage is still worth saving? C'mon... truly?

- E-mail the author at emarcelo@inquirer.com.ph, Subject: Lifestyle, or send your letters to INQUIRER. Listen to Ms Marcelo cohost the program "Kalikasan Vigilante", 7:15-8:30 p.m., Monday-Friday on dwBR 104.3 FM.

A prayer group. . .

From page E3

"*Ina*" will be brought out of the Metropolitan Cathedral and carried down the streets to the bridge where it will be transferred to a barge. The bank of the Naga River will be packed with people waiting for the Virgin.

It is believed that when Ina passes by and you whisper a prayer to her, your prayer will be answered.

The novena Masses will be held at the cathedral and the Basilica de Peñafrancia Sept. 8-16. Msgr. Romulo Vergara is rector of the basilica.

Devotee

Mara Augustine Galang, a Marian devotee and daughter of Rosemarie Galang of Ephesus Travel, will celebrate her 18th birthday Sept. 17.

Concert

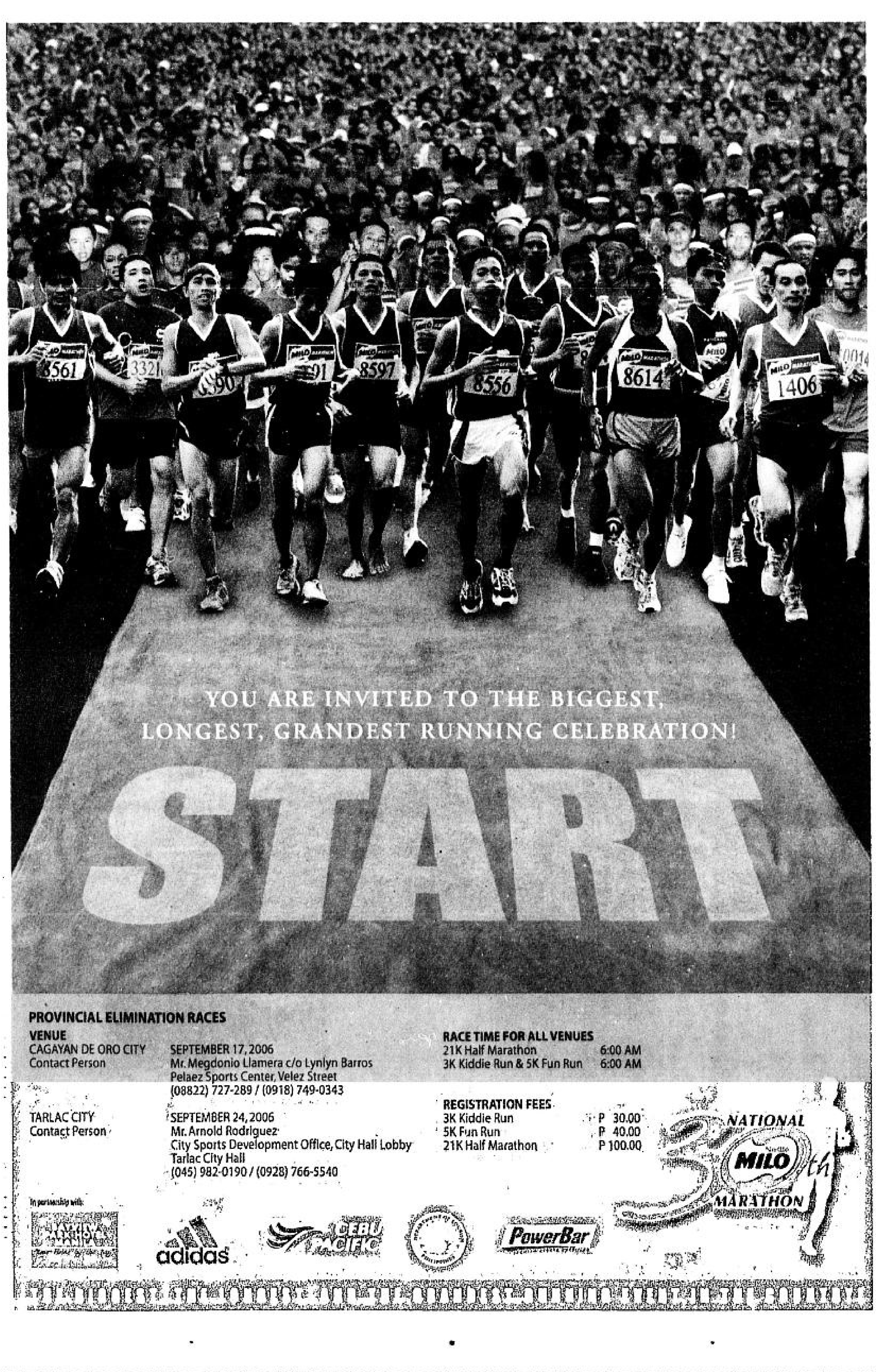
Priests from the diocese of Imus will hold a concert, "Bahay Pare Amen Amen," Sept. 15, 7 p.m., at the Assumption College in San Lorenzo Village to raise funds for a house for retired priests in Silang, Cavite. Other beneficiaries are the Assumption College and Our Lady of the Pillar Seminary.

It will feature special participation by Bishop Chito Tagle and Jose Mari Chan. Tickets are available at the gate or call 0917-8925287 (Alabang), 0917-8396417 (Makati), or 0917-8574166 (Quezon City).

Healing Mass

Fr. Fernando Suarez will hold a healing Mass Sept. 13, 7 p.m., at the chapel in SM Megamall. Text Norma Robinson at 0917-5362760 or Greg Monteclaro at 0917-8818488.

Our Lady of Mercy Parish in Bahay Pare in Candaba, Pampanga, will celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Mercy on Sept. 24. On Sept. 15, a Marian exhibit will open and novena Masses will start. Concelebrated Mass is at 8 a.m., Sept. 24. Masses will be held every hour 5-10 a.m. then 3-7 p.m.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FILMMAKERS with a mission: (from left) Anna Shy, Jeck Cogama, Wilfred Galila, JP Carpio, Milo Paz (partly hidden), Ihna Figueroa (of ABC 5), Jim Libiran, Kidlat de Guia and Kidlat Tahimik one day before their flight to Guimaras.

JIM GUIAO PUNZALAN

Movies on Guimaras

Indie directors making short films on oil spill to raise funds for islanders

By Marinel R. Cruz

A GROUP OF 15 INDEPENDENT filmmakers flew to Guimaras last weekend to shoot a 10-minute short film each about the oil spill in Western Visayas that is "possibly the worst ever" in the country's history.

"Project Guimaras," aims to create awareness among the general public on the effects of the recent disaster, according to Chits Jimenez, vice chair of the Independent Filmmakers Cooperative of the Philippines (IFCP).

Project participants are directors Kidlat Tahimik, Rox Lee, Milo Paz, Khavn Dela Cruz, Emmanuel Dela Cruz, Paolo Villaluna, Kidlat De Guia, JP Carpio, Raya Martin, Seymour Sanchez, Wilfred Allen Galila, Drei Boquiren, Jeck Cogama, Victor Louie Villanueva and Ann Shy.

To raise funds for the islanders, IFCP will screen all the films at Robinson's Galleria Cinemas next month, and then compile them in DVD format for sale and distribution.

Prior to that, Jimenez said, four-minute versions of each movie will be aired on ABC 5's current affairs program, "Shorts," this month.

Nightmare

Oil tanker MT Solar I, loaded with two million liters of bunker fuel belonging to Petron Corp., sank off Guimaras Island on the way to Zamboanga on Aug. 11. Over 200,000 liters of the oil were spilled, killing marine life and affecting the livelihood of coastal residents.

"There is a need for everyone to help—to make some sense out of this nightmare—in whatever way we can," said filmmaker Carpio.

The filmmakers were given specific guidelines before leaving for Guimaras.

"[The film] should stress the need for viewers to take action to help heal the environment and assist the local community to carry on with their lives," the guidelines stated.

Also, the films should be shot with digital cameras.

Meanwhile, IFCP will hold a Cooperative Premembership Education seminar tomorrow, 3 to 6 p.m., at the Cinema 7 of Robinson's Galleria, Ortigas Avenue, Quezon City. It will be followed by a general assembly of all independent filmmakers, artists and staff workers at 7 p.m.

Directors, producers, associate producers, production designers, art directors, continuity production assistants, production assistants, gaffers, makeup artists, editors, music directors/scorers, runners, utility men and everyone who has worked in an indie film production are invited.

FASHION ROCKS...

... Beyonce smokes, err, sizzles, during the "Fashion Rocks" show at Radio City Music Hall in New York on Thursday.

REUTERS

Ellen to host Oscars

ELLEN DeGeneres AP

HOLLYWOOD—COMEDIAN and television show host Ellen DeGeneres has been chosen to host the 79th Oscars next year, organizers of the event have announced.

Producer Laura Ziskin said in a statement: "It will be DeGeneres' first time as Oscars host, as well as her first appearance on an Academy Awards telecast."

Born in Louisiana into a family of French descent, DeGeneres, 48, hosts "The Ellen DeGeneres Show," which this year won its third Emmy for Outstanding Talk Show and earned DeGeneres her second Emmy for Outstanding Talk Show Host.

"When Laura Ziskin called, I was thrilled," said DeGeneres. "There's two things I've always wanted to do in my life: one is to host the Oscars, the second is to get a call from Laura Ziskin."

Prior Oscars hosts include Billy Crystal, Jon Stewart, Whoopi Goldberg and Chris Rock.

The Oscars honoring film achievements for 2006 will be held on Feb. 25, 2007. Nominations will be announced Jan. 23.

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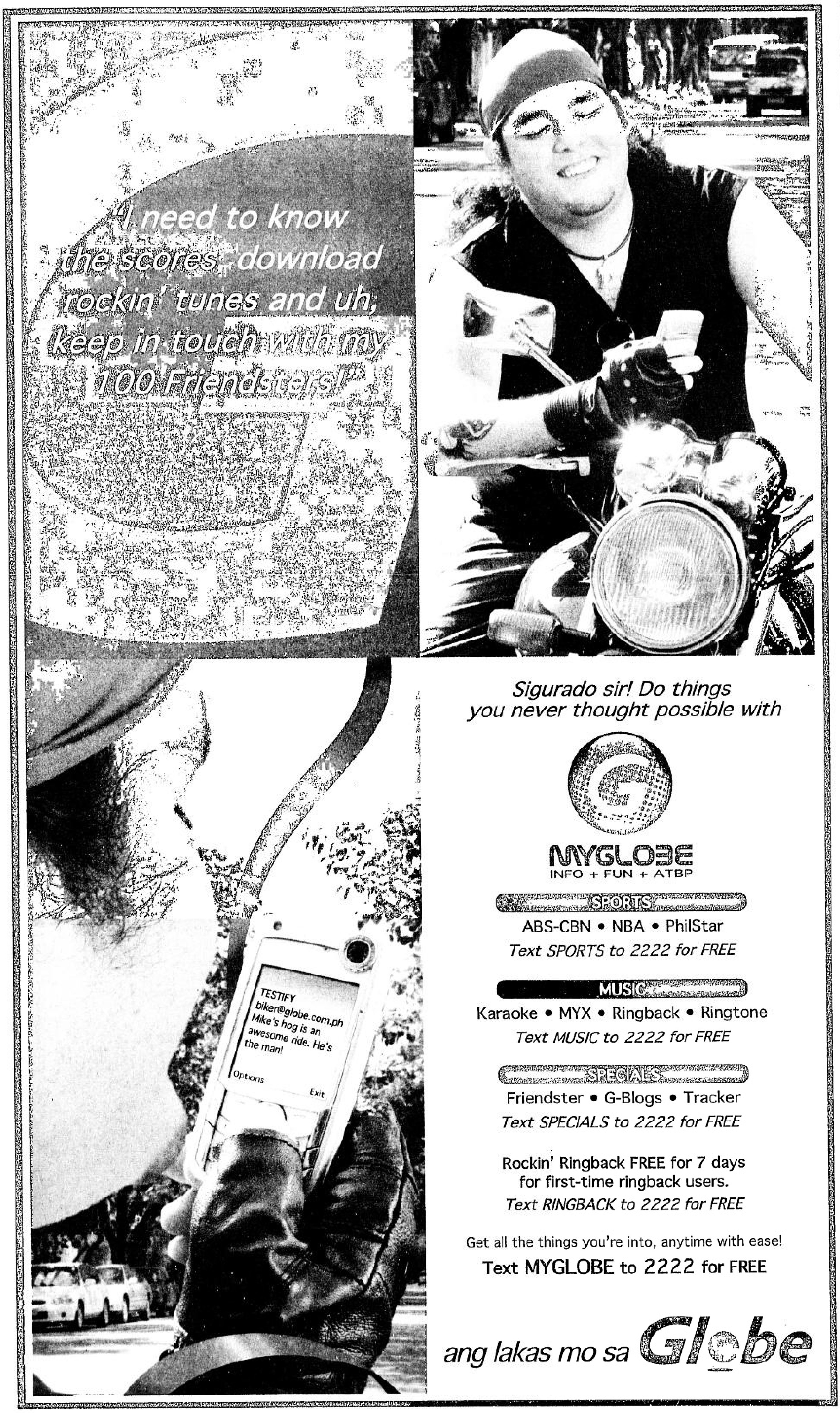
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Glitches on 'Idol' p

HOW IS "PHILIPPINE IDOL" SHAPING UP AS a TV production? Last weekend, we got some answers to that question when ABC-5's new talent search went on performance mode at the venue especially put up for the competition. Our initial notes:

The show's set is impressive because it is multi-tiered, and thus provides versatile staging possibilities for the tilt's generally solo performances.

Unfortunately, the main stage, where most of the male semi-finalists performed last Saturday, was relatively shallow, so it encouraged mostly side-to-side movements, which quickly became limited and boring to watch.

Biggest glitch

But the evening's biggest production glitch was technical in nature: As semi-finalist **Reymond** was performing, his mic went on the blink, and no sound emerged.

This is a major problem in a singing competition, where jurors and viewers have to hear contestants performing at their very best.

But the problem became much worse when, for many unbearable seconds, nothing was done about it. We can imagine that the show's technical people were in a frantic dither—but the mic problem remained unsolved, and viewers had to put up with the lack of remedial action for much too long.

We can only imagine how the problem affected Reymond himself. Yes, he acted in a very professional way by continuing to sing, but it was still a discombobulating experience for anyone in his predicament.

Finally, after an agonizingly long time, the mic was replaced and Reymond did the number all over again. But we were disappointed because the "solution" came much too late.

What to do

Glitches happen during live telecasts, so the show's production team should have been ready to solve problems immediately after they happened. In a singing contest, sound is the most important consideration, so when a mic fails, it's key to have a replacement ready and shift to it right away.

Failing that, the performances should be stopped, then repeated as quickly as possible with equipment that works. Less or slower than that is simply unacceptable.

The third problem last weekend had to do with **Ryan Agoncillo**'s hosting. Being on top of a show like "Philippine Idol" is a difficult assignment, and Ryan did do his utmost to measure up to its daunting requirements. But he was found wanting in the areas of warmth, accessibility, variety and selflessness.

Lack of warmth

Ryan's personality is so strong that it sometimes shifts the focus of his hosting from the contestants to himself. He may not even intend this to happen, but that's the effect that occasionally manifested itself last w

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Variety

Greater variety in interactio
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Ryan should also not keep
pointing at people so often.

In other words, there are many things a TV host can do, but Ryan is choosing to focus on only a few of them, thus making his hosting performance predictable, and sometimes even strident.

RYAN Agoncillo ROMY HOMILLADA

As for the key element of selflessness, all effective TV talent tilt hosts know that they should make themselves believe that they're doing the show, not for themselves, but for the contestants—and, most important of all, for the benefit of the people viewing the program.

This doesn't mean that the host has to be bland and ineffectual. Indeed, he must use all of his qualities and abilities to help keep the show interesting, but his selfless objective must be clear, above all to himself.

Like we've said, hosting "Philippine Idol" looks to be a very difficult assignment, so we do credit Ryan for being able to control the show's diverse elements. But we suggest that he pay attention to the other aspects of hosting that he needs to do better at.

'Love ... Hate'

Robert Seña and Isay Alvarez have conceptualized a musical-comedy show, "Love You, Hate You, Love You," and the hit production kicked off its third run Thursday night at

'Twilight' gets 'X' on first review

THE MOVIE AND TELEVISION Review and Classification Board (MTRCB) has given Center Stage's "Twilight Dancers" an X rating on first review.

"The board members found that the movie had a good, strong message, but that it also contained some objectionable scenes," said Mel Chionglo, the film's director.

The first review committee consisted of Lucy Orense, Ric de Leon and Ros Olgado.

Toronto preem

Chionglo said the board might have found the sex scenes "unfit" for R-18, the rating the producer was aiming for.

"But we kept those scenes short and they should be seen within the story's context," Chionglo told INQUIRER Entertainment, on the eve of his flight to Toronto, Canada, where the movie is set to be exhibited in the Contemporary World Cinema section, along with another Filipino film, Jeffrey Jeturian's "Kubrador."

Chionglo said the X rating would not affect his film's Toronto premiere. "International festivals are not under the jurisdiction of the MTRCB. All we needed [to exhibit abroad] was an exit permit, which we had earlier obtained."

He said that the film producer was applying for a second review.

Chionglo himself was an MTRCB member from 1998 to 2000, when Armida Siguion-Reyna was chair.

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FLORIDABLANCA
LOT 20 - VACANT LOT Lot Area 211,886.00 sqm. Lot 87 Pabanlag Minimum Bid Price 1,101,000.00
GUAGUA
LOT 21 - LOT W/MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENTS Lot Area: 1,807.00 sqm. Lot 3-B Ascomo, Pulungmasle Minimum Bid Price 201,000.00
LOT 22 - VACANT LOT Lot Area: 1,195 sqm. Lot 1-R& Lot 1-S, Lot 1-K, Brgy. San Matias Minimum Bid Price : 1,229,000.00
LOT 23 - VACANT LOT Lot Area: 985 sqm. Lot 1-P& Lot 1-Q, Rd. Lot (Lot 1-K), San Matias Minimum Bid Price : 587,000.00
LOT 24 - VACANT LOT Lot Area 300.00 sqm. Lot 1-E, Rd. Lot, San Matias Minimum Bid Price : 210,000.00
LOT 25 - VACANT LOT Lot Area 300.00 sqm. Lot 1-F, Rd. Lot, San Matias Minimum Bid Price : 210,000.00
LOT 26 - VACANT LOT Lot Area 300.00 sqm. Lot 1-G, Rd. Lot, San Matias Minimum Bid Price : 210,000.00
LOT 27 - VACANT LOT Lot Area 300.00 sqm. Lot 1-H, Rd. Lot, San Matias Minimum Bid Price 210,000.00
LOT 28 - VACANT LOT Lot Area 375.00 sqm. Lot 1-I, Rd. Lot, San Matias Minimum Bid Price 263,000.00
LOT 29 - VACANT LOT Lot Area 486.00 sqm. Lot 1-J, Rd. Lot, San Matias Minimum Bid Price 341,000.00
LOT 30 - VACANT LOT Lot Area 155.00 sqm. Lot 2/Blk 7 Rd Cervillo Subd., Brgy. Sto. Cristo Minimum Bid Price 28,000.00
LOT 31 - VACANT LOT Lot Area 422.00 sqm. Lot 2-J Rd Cervillo Subd, Brgy. Sto Cristo Minimum Bid Price 72,000.00
LUBAO
LOT 32 - LOT W/IMPROVEMENT Lot Area 1,254.00 sqm. Floor Area 146.00 sqm Lot 3133-B, Along Prov'L. Rd. San Roque Dau 1St Minimum Bid Price 943,000.00
LOT 33 - LOT W/IMPROVEMENT Lot Area 2,666.00 sqm. WITHDRAWN Sta Cruz Minimum Bid Price 621,000.00
LOT 34 - LOT W/IMPROVEMENT Lot Area 1,875 sqm. Floor Area 413.00 sqm. Lots 5700 & 5701 Brgy Rd Sitio Pigulot, Brgy. Sta Lucia Minimum Bid Price 1,523,000.00
LOT 35 - LOT W/IMPROVEMENT Lot Area 169.20 sqm. Floor Area 140.00 sqm. Lot 920-B Brgy. Rd. San Rafael, Baruya Minimum Bid Price : 374,000.00
LOT 36 - VACANT LOT Lot Area: 1,069.00 sqm. Lot 1-H-3, Road Lot 1-J, San Roque Dau 1St Minimum Bid Price 300,000.00
LOT 37 - VACANT LOT Lot Area: 1,069.00 sqm. Lot 1-I-4 Prov'L. Road, San Roque Dau 1St Minimum Bid Price 420,000.00
LOT 38 - VACANT LOT Lot Area 1,069.00 sqm. Lot 1-I-1 Road Lot 1-J San Roque Dau 1St Minimum Bid Price : 300,000.00
LOT 39 - VACANT LOT Lot Area 1,069.00 sqm. Lot 1-H-2, Road Lot 1-J San Roque Dau 1St Minimum Bid Price 300,000.00
LOT 40 - VACANT LOT Lot Area 1,069.00 sqm. Lot 1-H-1, Road Lot 1-J San Roque Dau 1St Minimum Bid Price 300,000.00
LOT 41 - VACANT LOT Lot Area: 1,069.00 sqm. Lot 1-I-2 Road Lot 1-J San Roque Dau 1St, Minimum Bid Price 300,000.00
LOT 42 - VACANT LOT Lot Area 1,069.00 sqm. Lot 1-I-3 Road Lot 1-J San Roque Dau 1St Minimum Bid Price 300,000.00
MACABEBE
LOT 43 - LOT W/IMPROVEMENT Lot Area 114.00 sqm. Floor Area 154.00 sqm. Lot 948 Brgy Rd Caduang Tete Minimum Bid Price 150,000.00
MAGALANG
LOT 44 - LOT W/MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENTS Lot Area 5,870.00 sqm. Lot 596-B-10 Prov'L. Rd. Purok 1, Sta. Cruz Minimum Bid Price 596,000.00
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LOT 45 - LOT W/IMPROVEMENT Lot Area 270.00 sqm. Floor Area 106.00 sqm. Lot 11, Blk. 6, Rd. Lot 6, 472 St. Joseph Subd., San Antonio Minimum Bid Price 376,000.00
LOT 46 - VACANT LOT Lot Area 810 sqm. Lot 1, 2& 3/Blk. 6 Subd. Rd. San Antonio Minimum Bid Price 454,000.00
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LOT 47 - LOT W/IMPROVEMENT Lot Area 254.00 sqm. Floor Area 100.00 sqm. Lot 372 Caloocan(Rd Lot 936) 237 Caloocan St., Brgy Lourdes Minimum Bid Price 141,000.00
LOT 48 - LOT W/IMPROVEMENT Lot Area 255.00 sqm. Floor Area 130.00 sqm. Lot 371 Caloocan(Rd Lot 936) 228 Caloocan St., Brgy Lourdes Minimum Bid Price 303,000.00
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LOT 52 - VACANT LOT Lot Area 588 sqm. Lots 1& 2 Blk 7 Lahar Area Manibaug-Pasig, Porac, Pampanga Minimum Bid Price 37,000.00
LOT 53 - VACANT LOT Lot Area 1,615.00 sqm. Lot 2-C-6-A-1 Lahar Area Manibaug Minimum Bid Price 77,000.00
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LOT 54 - LOT W/IMPROVEMENT Lot Area 240.00 WITHDRAWN Ave. Minimum Bid Price 2,035,000.00
LOT 55 - LOT W/IMPROVEMENT Lot Area 419.00 sqm. Floor Area 282.00 sqm. Lot 3300-C-3 Ahoy, Bo. Maimpis Minimum Bid Price 1,243,000.00
LOT 56 - LOT W/IMPROVEMENT Lot Area 565 WITHDRAWN Del Pilar Minimum Bid Price 1,137,000.00
LOT 57 - LOT W/IMPROVEMENT Lot Area 191.00 sqm. Floor Area 182.00 sqm. Lot 29-B Brgy Rd # 531 Purok 1 San Jose Panduan Minimum Bid Price 664,000.00
LOT 58 - LOT W/IMPROVEMENT Lot Area 300.00 sqm. Floor Area 129.00 sqm. Lot 4, Brgy. Rd, San Juan & Sto. Nino Minimum Bid Price 564,000.00
LOT 59 - VACANT LOT Lot Area 496.00 sqm. Lot 3-A-9 Rd Lot San Agustin Minimum Bid Price 318,000.00
LOT 60 - VACANT LOT Lot Area 351.00 sqm. Lot 20 Blk 10 Road Lot 7 Olivas Subd., San Nicolas Minimum Bid Price 100,000.00
LOT 61 - VACANT LOT Lot Area 250.00 sqm. Lot 7 Blk 2 Rd Lot David Subd., San Nicolas Minimum Bid Price 54,000.00
LOT 62 - VACANT LOT Lot Area 260.00 sqm. Lot 6 Blk 2 Rd Lot David Subd., San Nicolas Minimum Bid Price 56,000.00
LOT 63 - VACANT LOT Lot Area 260.00 sqm. Lot 9 Blk 2 Rd Lot David Subd., San Nicolas Minimum Bid Price 56,000.00
LOT 64 - VACANT LOT Lot Area 255.00 sqm. Lot 10 Blk 2 Rd Lot David Subd., San Nicolas Minimum Bid Price 55,000.00
LOT 65 - VACANT LOT Lot Area 352.00 sqm. Lot 11 Blk 2 Rd Lot David Subd., San Nicolas Minimum Bid Price 75,000.00
SAN LUIS
LOT 66 - LOT W/IMPROVEMENT Lot Area 2,395.00 sqm. Floor Area 95.00 sqm. Lot 2315-C, Brgy Rd. # 327 Brgy. San Juan, Minimum Bid Price 134,000.00
LOT 67 - LOT W/MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENTS WITHDRAWN Roque Minimum Bid Price 39,000.00
LOT 68 - VACANT LOT Lot Area 30,446.00 sqm Lot 2713-F San Juan Minimum Bid Price 358,000.00
SAN SIMON
LOT 69 - LOT W/MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENTS Lot Area 78.00 sqm. Lot 14, Blk 1 Road Lot 1 Brgy. Concepcion, Minimum Bid Price 16,000.00
STO. TOMAS
LOT 70 - LOT W/IMPROVEMENT Lot Area 384 sqm. Floor Area 144.00 sqm. Lot 17& 19/Blk. 3, Subd. Rd., Country Sq. Subd., San Matias Minimum Bid Price 454,000.00
LOT 71 - LOT W/IMPROVEMENT Lot Area 12,165 sqm. Floor Area 913.00 sqm. Lot 1, Lot 2, Lot 1764-C-2-A Prov'L Rd Brgy San Matias Minimum Bid Price 2,600,000.00
LOT 72 - LOT W/IMPROVEMENT Lot Area 526.00 sqm. Floor Area 189.00 sqm. Lot 5, Blk. 2, Moon St., Sunrise Subd., San Matias Minimum Bid Price 300,000.00
LOT 73 - VACANT LOT Lot Area 440.00 sqm. Lot 4, Blk. 23, Subd. Rd (Rd Lot 21) Balangcas, San Matias Minimum Bid Price 106,000.00
LOT 74 - VACANT LOT Lot Area 1,330.00 WITHDRAWN Minimum Bid Price 255,000.00

PANGASINAN
BAUTISTA
LOT 75 - LOT W/IMPROVEMENT Lot Area 1,001 sqm. Floor Area 336.00 sqm. Lot 19408-A & 19409-A Magsaysay Ave 004 Brgy Pob. Minimum Bid Price 1,420,000.00

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AGUSO
LOT 76 - VACANT LOT Lot Area 561.00 sqm. Lot 10 Blk 6 Salvador Subd. Minimum Bid Price 116,000.00
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LOT 78 - VACANT LOT Lot Area 367.00 sqm. Lots 12 Blk 5 Rd Lot 4 Salvador Subd Minimum Bid Price 79,000.00
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CAPAS
LOT 80 - LOT W/IMPROVEMENT Lot Area 1,848.00 sqm. Floor Area 90.00 sqm. Lot 13 Brgy Arangureng, Capas Minimum Bid Price 292,000.00
LOT 81 - LOT W/IMPROVEMENT Lot Area 1,404 sqm. Floor Area 161.00 sqm. Lots 5 To 10 Blk 9 Narra Rd Lot 5 100 Vargas Village, Sto Domingo II Minimum Bid Price 839,000.00
GERONA
LOT 82 - VACANT LOT Lot Area 400.00 sqm. Lot 4-C-9-A-B Rd Lot Brgy Parsolingan Minimum Bid Price 102,000.00
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LOT 83 - VACANT LOT Lot Area 6,218.00 sqm. Lot 1090-J, Barangay Singer Minimum Bid Price 311,000.00
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LOT 84 - LOT W/IMPROVEMENT Lot Area 900.00 sqm. Floor Area 119.00 sqm. Lot 17 Blk 21 Capitlay Ave Capitlay St Brgy Comillas Minimum Bid Price 381,000.00
LOT 85 - VACANT LOT Lot Area 800.00 sqm. Lot 7, Blk 22, Brgy. Comillas Minimum Bid Price 190,000.00
LOT 86 - VACANT LOT Lot Area 4,584 sqm. Lots 1626-E-3 & 4 Brgy. Guevarra Minimum Bid Price 104,000.00
MATATALAIB
LOT 87 - LOT W/IMPROVEMENT Lot Area 250.00 sqm. Floor Area 147.00 sqm. Lot1-D-7 Sunflower, Sunflower St., Sitio Manga II Minimum Bid Price 682,000.00
MONCADA
LOT 88 - LOT W/MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENTS Lot Area 456.00 sqm. Lot 917-B, Luna St., Purok 3 Camposanto 1, Poblacion Minimum Bid Price 137,000.00
LOT 89 - VACANT LOT Lot Area 845.00 sqm. Lot 2 Prov. Rd Brgy Camangaan Minimum Bid Price 216,000.00
PANIQUI
LOT 90 - LOT W/IMPROVEMENT Lot Area 729 sqm. Floor Area 378.00 sqm. Lot 4125-A-11-D-4 & Lot 4125-A-11-D-4-B Subd Rd Brgy. Salumague Minimum Bid Price 623,000.00
LOT 91 - LOT W/IMPROVEMENT Lot Area 353.00 sqm. Floor Area 88.00 sqm. Lot 2313-G Brgy Rd Brgy Nipaco Minimum Bid Price 218,000.00
LOT 92 - VACANT LOT Lot Area 7,083.00 sqm. Lot 2013, Brgy. Dapdap Minimum Bid Price 304,000.00
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LOT 100 - VACANT LOT Lot Area 300 WITHDRAWN Minimum Bid Price 90,000.00
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LOT 109 - LOT W/MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENTS Lot Area 1,806.00 sqm. Lot 19-A, Brgy. Lawacamulag Minimum Bid Price 167,000.00
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LOT 111 - VACANT LOT Lot Area 21,163.00 sqm. Lot 8410, Sitio Calipan, Villa Aglipay Minimum Bid Price 371,000.00
SAN VICENTE
LOT 112 - VACANT LOT Lot Area 1,062.00 sqm. Lot 10 Blk 1 Rd Lot San Vicente Hills Subd Minimum Bid Price 1,593,000.00
STA. IGNACIA
LOT 113 - LOT W/IMPROVEMENT Lot Area 4,685 sqm. Floor Area 745.00 sqm. Lot 1-A-2 1-A-3,1-A-4 1-A-5-B, 1068-A Romulo Highway, Pob. East, Minimum Bid Price 3,420,000.00
LOT 114 - LOT W/IMPROVEMENT Lot Area 578.00 sqm. Floor Area 45.00 sqm. Lot 0, Blk 2 Romulo Highway, Brgy Vargas Minimum Bid Price 462,000.00
LOT 115 - VACANT LOT Lot Area 1,821.00 sqm. Lot 4843 Brgy Rd Brgy Sta. Ines East Minimum Bid Price 125,000.00
TARLAC
LOT 116 - LOT W/IMPROVEMENT Lot Area 1,603.00 sqm. Floor Area 107.00 sqm. Lot 4008-C, Brgy. Rd., Brgy. Sapang Maragul Minimum Bid Price 1,700,000.00
LOT 117 - LOT W/IMPROVEMENT Lot Area 1,000.00 sqm. Floor Area 63.00 sqm. Lot 5-A-1 Brgy Rd Brgy. Sto. Nino Minimum Bid Price : 140,000.00
LOT 118 - VACANT LOT Lot Area 5,952 sqm. Lot 2576-B-2-A,2576-B-2-C & 2576-B-2-B Mc Arthur Highway, Along Macarthur Highway, Brgy Sapang Calsada Minimum Bid Price 5,388,000.00
LOT 119 - VACANT LOT Lot Area 500.00 sqm. Lot 1, Blk 4, St. James Subd., Brgy. Tibag Minimum Bid Price 20,000.00
LOT 120 - VACANT LOT Lot Area 500.00 sqm. Lot 3, Blk 17, St. James Subd., Brgy Tibag Minimum Bid Price 20,000.00
LOT 121 - VACANT LOT Lot Area 500.00 sqm. Lot 6, Blk 17, St. James Subd., Brgy Tibag Minimum Bid Price 20,000.00
LOT 122 - VACANT LOT Lot Area 600.00 sqm. Lot 7, Blk 17, St. James Subd., Brgy Tibag Minimum Bid Price 20,000.00
LOT 123 - VACANT LOT Lot Area 1,634.00 sqm. Lot 1525-I, Along Romulo Highway, Brgy. Carangian Minimum Bid Price : 1,103,000.00
LOT 124 - VACANT LOT Lot Area 332 sqm. Alley (Lot 1931-B-7) Brgy San Jose, Coception Minimum Bid Price : 182,000.00
LOT 125 - VACANT LOT Lot Area 1,425.00 sqm. Lot 4033 Medina St Brgy Rd. Medina St Corner Brgy. Rd. Sapang Maragul Minimum Bid Price 325,000.00
LOT 126 - VACANT LOT Lot Area 2,086.00 sqm. Lot 3970-B Tanedo St. Brgy Rd. Brgy Sapang Maragul Minimum Bid Price 533,000.00
LOT 127 - VACANT LOT Lot Area 1,602.00 sqm. Galang Brgy Sapang Maragul Minimum Bid Price : 286,000.00
LOT 128 - VACANT LOT Lot Area 1,567 sqm. Lots 12 & 13 Blk 4 Rd. Lot 4 Salvador Subd.,Brgy Aguso Minimum Bid Price 331,000.00
LOT 129 - VACANT LOT Lot Area 1,037 sqm. Lot 30 Blk 7 & Lot4 Blk 6 Rd Lot 3 & 4 Salvador Subd Brgy. Aguso Minimum Bid Price : 221,000.00
LOT 130 - VACANT LOT Lot Area 518.00 sqm. Lot2 Blk 6 Rd Lot 4 Salvador Subd.,Brgy Aguso Minimum Bid Price : 110,000.00
LOT 131 - VACANT LOT Lot Area 529.00 sqm. Lot 5 Blk 6 Rd Lot 4 Salvador Subd., Minimum Bid Price : 113,000.00
LOT 132 - VACANT LOT Lot Area 734 sqm. Lots 25 & 26 Blk 5 Rd Lot 4 Salvador Subd.,Brgy.Aguso Minimum Bid Price 157,000.00
LOT 133 - VACANT LOT Lot Area 468.00 sqm. Lot 22 Blk 7 Rd Lot 4 Salvador Subd., Brgy Aguso Minimum Bid Price : 100,000.00
LOT 134 - VACANT LOT Lot Area 10,500.00 sqm. Lot 2-B Brgy. Culipat Minimum Bid Price 650,000.00
LOT 135 - VACANT LOT Lot Area 454.00 sqm. Lot 1/Blk 5 Rd Lot 4 Salvador Subd ,Brgy Aguso Minimum Bid Price 97,000.00
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LOT 137 - VACANT LOT Lot Area 367.00 sqm. Lot 3 /Blk 5 Rd Lot 4 Salvador Subd., Brgy.Aguso Minimum Bid Price 78,000.00
LOT 138 - VACANT LOT Lot Area 367.00 sqm. Lot 4/Blk 5 Rd Lot 4 Salvador Subd., Brgy Aguso Minimum Bid Price 78,000.00
LOT 139 - VACANT LOT Lot Area 367.00 sqm. Lot 5/Blk5 Rd Lot 4 Salvador Subd.,Brgy Aguso Minimum Bid Price 78,000.00
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CAGAYAN VALLEY

ABULUG

LOT 1 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 1,625 sqm. F.A.: 54 sqm.
L2857 Brgy Rd Calog Sur
Min Bid Price: 74,000.00

LOT 2 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 3,333 sqm.
L2854-D Prov'L Rd Calog Sur
Min Bid Price: 138,000.00

LOT 3 - LOT WITH MAKESHIFT IMPRVT
L.A.: 2,936 sqm.
Lot 3047-D Interior Lot W/ No Access Pinili
Min Bid Price 39,000.00

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LOT 4 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 1,082 sqm. F.A.: 278 sqm.
L21-B Mun Rd Centro East
Min Bid Price 1,557,000.00

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LOT 5 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 1,015 sqm. F.A. 58 sqm.
Lot No. 6110-A Landlocked Binalan
Min Bid Price: 39,000.00

LOT 6 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 500 sqm. F.A.: 186 sqm.
Lot No. 701-P-7-C-3 Nat'L Rd. Macanaya District
Min Bid Price 2,678,000.00

LOT 7 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
L.A. 616.65 sqm
WITHDRAWN
Min Bid Price 846,000.00

LOT 8 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
L.A. 1,000 sqm
WITHDRAWN
Min Bid Price 2,000,000.00

BALLESTEROS

LOT 9 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 1,850 sqm. F.A.: 86 sqm.
Lot 4131 Brgy Rd. Ammubuan
Min Bid Price: 330,000.00

LOT 10 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
L.A. 306 sqm. F.A.: 106 sqm.
Lot No. 1495-B Ogalino St., Cabaluan East
Min Bid Price 439,000.00

LOT 11 - LOT WITH MAKESHIFT IMPRVT
L.A.: 2,800 sqm.
Lot 728 Arcena St., Cabaritan East
Min Bid Price 105,000.00

LOT 12 - LOT WITH MAKESHIFT IMPRVT
L.A. 6,122 sqm.
L1151 Landlocked Cabaritan West
Min Bid Price 60,000.00

LOT 13 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 246 sqm. F.A.: 110 sqm.
Lot 825 Prov'L Rd. Cabaritan West
Min Bid Price: 43,000.00

LOT 14 - VACANT LOT
L.A. 904 sqm.
Lot 864 Landlocked Cabaritan West
Min Bid Price: 19,000.00

LOT 15 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 8,170 sqm. F.A.: 73 sqm.
L1480 Brgy Rd Cabuluan East
Min Bid Price 258,000.00

LOT 16 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
L.A. 2,179 sqm. F.A. 246 sqm.
Lot 8046 Cor Rizal, Concepcion & Luna Sts. Centro East
Min Bid Price 1,400,000.00

LOT 17 - LOT WITH MAKESHIFT IMPRVT
L.A.: 1,427 sqm.
Lot 6204-I Nat'l Rd. Fugu
Min Bid Price 107,250.00

LOT 18 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
L.A. 1,620 sqm. F.A. 95 sqm.
Lot No. 4982-C Prov'L Rd Mabuttal
Min Bid Price 494,000.00

LOT 19 - AGRILAND
L.A.: 1,414 sqm.
Lot 6380 Brgy Rd Mabuttal
Min Bid Price: 46,000.00

LOT 20 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 9,404 sqm. F.A.: 333 sqm.
Lot # 4665 Bonifacio Cortez St., Poblacion
Min Bid Price 387,000.00

LOT 21 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 1,124 sqm. F.A. 276 sqm.
Lot No. 3218 Prov'L Rd Sta. Cruz
Min Bid Price: 909,000.00

LOT 22 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 1,273 sqm. F.A.: 242 sqm.
Lot No. 4196-C Brgy. Rd Access Rd. Sta Cruz
Min Bid Price: 1,049,000.00

LOT 23 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 3,131 sqm. F.A.: 90 sqm.
L3121 Landlocked Sta.Cruz
Min Bid Price 90,000.00

LOT 24 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
L.A. 2,174 sqm. F.A. 236 sqm.
Lot 881 Prov'L Rd Cabaritan West
Min Bid Price: 692,000.00

CAMALANIUGAN

LOT 25 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 600 sqm. F.A.: 314 sqm.
L2446-A Nat'L Rd. Dacal Lafugu
Min Bid Price 2,119,000.00

LOT 26 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 626 sqm. F.A.: 63 sqm.
Lot 10006 Interior Lot W/ Rd Right Of Way Catotoran Norte
Min Bid Price 281,000.00

GATTARAN

LOT 27 - AGRILAND
L.A.: 3,142 sqm.
Lot 715-B Nat'L Rd Aguiguican
Min Bid Price 178,000.00

LOT 28 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 4,347 sqm. F.A.: 195 sqm.
Lot 174-B Land Locked Cullit
Min Bid Price 240,000.00

LOT 29 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 1,114 sqm. F.A.: 78 sqm.
Lot 937-A-2 Land Locked Cullit
Min Bid Price: 47,000.00

LOT 30 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 720 sqm. F.A.: 91 sqm.
Lot 1309-A Nat'L Rd Guising
Min Bid Price 95,000.00

LOT 31 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 4,360 sqm. F.A.: 110 sqm.
Lot 1309-B Nat'L Rd Lapogan
Min Bid Price 408,000.00

LOT 32 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 4,179 sqm. F.A. 203 sqm.
Lot 865-B Prov'L Rd Brgy Rd Nawagac
Min Bid Price 338,000.00

LAL-LO

LOT 33 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
L.A. 1,04
WITHDRAWN
Min Bid Price 99,000.00

LOT 34 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 300 sqm. F.A.: 151 sqm.
Lot B-1-A Nat'L Rd Lalalugan
Min Bid Price 683,000.00

LOT 35 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 1,810 sqm. F.A. 111 sqm.
Lot E-2 Nat'L Rd Lalafugan,
Min Bid Price 598,000.00

LOT 36 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 172 sqm. F.A. 60 sqm.
Lot No. 3115-A Nat'L Rd Sta. Maria
Min Bid Price 179,000.00

LASAM

LOT 37 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
L.A. 538 sqm. F.A. 202 sqm.
Lot 3 Nat'L Rd Centro 1
Min Bid Price. 1,164,000.00

LOT 38 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 1,013 sqm. F.A.: 221 sqm.
Lot E-4 Ignacio, Jurado
Min Bid Price. 1,100,000.00

LOT 39 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 2,500 sqm. F.A.: 168 sqm.
LA-2-B Nat'L Rd Nabannagan East
Min Bid Price. 961,000.00

LOT 40 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 1,378 sqm. F.A. 81 sqm.
L31-B Int Lot W/ Rd Right Of Way Nabannagan East
Min Bid Price 395,000.00

LOT 41 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 7,285 sqm. F.A.: 128 sqm.
LA-2-C Nat'L Rd Nabannagan East
Min Bid Price: 513,000.00

LOT 42 - LOT WITH MAKESHIFT IMPRVT
L.A. 1,435 sqm.
Lot E-3 Ignacio Jurado St
Min Bid Price 104,000.00

PIAT

LOT 43 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
L.A. 3,084 sqm.
Lot 1504 Brgy Rd Aquib
Min Bid Price 100,000.00

LOT 44 - LOT WITH MAKESHIFT IMPRVT
L.A.: 1,605 sqm.
Lot 1393 Land Locked Maguilling
Min Bid Price 21,000.00

SANCHEZ MIRA

LOT 45 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 10,534 sqm.
L3851 Brgy Rd Daquoray
Min Bid Price 169,000.00

LOT 46 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 553 sqm.
Lot 1000 Brgy Rd Nammuac
Min Bid Price 47,000.00

SOLANA

LOT 47 - LOT WITH MAKESHIFT IMPRVT
L.A.: 7,470 sqm.
Lot 1324 Brgy Rd Basi
Min Bid Price 288,000.00

LOT 48 - LOT WITH MAKESHIFT IMPRVT
L.A.: 1,884 sqm.
L4040 Prov'L Rd Barrio Rd. Lanna
Min Bid Price 85,000.00

LOT 49 - LOT WITH MAKESHIFT IMPRVT
L.A. 530 sqm.
Lot 4051 Prov'L Rd Lanna
Min Bid Price 24,000.00

LOT 50 - AGRILAND
L.A.: 42,643 sqm.
L6314-B Land Locked Lannig
Min Bid Price: 336,000.00

STA. MARCELA

LOT 51 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 1,455 sqm. F.A.: 104 sqm.
Lot 146 Brgy Rd Barucbuc
Min Bid Price 236,000.00

STO. NIÑO

LOT 52 - LOT WITH MAKESHIFT IMPRVT
L.A.: 5,374 sqm.
Lot 4931 Barrio Rd Balant
Min Bid Price 36,000.00

TABUK

LOT 53 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 1,500 sqm. F.A. 83 sqm.
Lot 764-A-4 Nat'L Rd Nat'L Highway, Bulanao
Min Bid Price 1,136,000.00

LOT 54 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 1,250 sqm. F.A.: 68 sqm.
Lot 2367 Brgy Rd Bulanao
Min Bid Price 607,000.00

LOT 55 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 392 sqm.
L744-C Subd Rd Bulanao
Min Bid Price 200,000.00

LOT 56 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 600 sqm. F.A.: 22 sqm.
L569-A-14-A Prov'L Rd Laya West
Min Bid Price 259,000.00

LOT 57 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 2,250 sqm. F.A. 133 sqm.
L247-A-4 Balakeng St Nasquehan
Min Bid Price. 431,000.00

LOT 58 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 482.50 sqm. F.A.: 110 sqm.
L184-F-2 Rd Right Of Way Nasquehan
Min Bid Price 444,000.00

LOT 59 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 639 sqm. F.A.: 127 sqm.
L1772-B Roxas Mayangao St., Pob.
Min Bid Price. 1,264,000.00

LOT 60 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 600 sqm. F.A.: 175 sqm.
Lot 19-F Prov'L Rd Laya East
Min Bid Price 594,000.00

TUAO

LOT 61 - LOT WITH MAKESHIFT IMPRVT
L.A.: 5,031 sqm.
Lot No. 1366 Brgy. Rd. Dagupan
Min Bid Price. 69,000.00

LOT 62 - AGRILAND
L.A.: 128,371 sqm.
Lot H-186574 Dagupan
Min Bid Price 100,000.00

LOT 63 - LOT WITH MAKESHIFT IMPRVT
L.A.: 1,413 sqm.
Lot No. 1518-A Brgy. Rd. Fugu
Min Bid Price. 21,000.00

LOT 64 - LOT WITH MAKESHIFT IMPRVT
L.A.: 1,413 sqm.
Lot No. 1518-B Brgy Rd Fugu
Min Bid Price 21,000.00

LOT 65 - AGRILAND
L.A.: 1,414 sqm.
Lot 1518-D Brgy Rd Fugu
Min Bid Price 28,000.00

LOT 66 - AGRILAND
L.A.: 2,338 sqm.
Lot No 3730 Landlocked Lallayug
Min Bid Price 12,000.00

LOT 67 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 7,424 sqm. F.A.: 82 sqm.
Lot 1009 Brgy Rd Palca(Angang)
Min Bid Price 99,000.00

LOT 68 - LOT WITH MAKESHIFT IMPRVT
L.A.: 7,274 sqm.
Lot 1031 Barrio Rd Palca
Min Bid Price. 100,000.00

LOT 69 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 6,757 sqm.
Lot 965 Barrio Rd Palca
Min Bid Price 154,000.00

LOT 70 - LOT WITH MAKESHIFT IMPRVT
L.A.: 10,000 sqm.
Lot 1-A Brgy. Rd. Villa Laida
Min Bid Price 128,000.00

TUGUEGARAO

LOT 71 - AGRILAND
L.A.: 2,770 sqm.
Lot 7526 Linao West
Min Bid Price 13,000.00

LOT 72 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 393 sqm. F.A. 128 sqm.
L1269-E.12-B Luna St., Extn. Ugac Sur
Min Bid Price 568,000.00

RIZAL

LOT 73 - LOT WITH MAKESHIFT IMPRVT
L.A.: 24,968 sqm.
Lots 2101 & 2102 Liwan
Min Bid Price: 158,000.00

ADDITIONAL PROPERTIES

CAGAYAN

LOT 74 – W/ MAKESHIFT IMPRVT
L.A.: 1,151 sqm.
L961 Undeveloped Rd Bagu,
Minimum Bid Price : 32,000.00

LOT 75 - W/ MAKESHIFT IMPRVT
L.A.: 1,816 sqm.
Lot 3074-F Brgy Rd. Calog Sur
Minimum Bid Price 75,000.00

LOT 76 - LOT W/ IMPRVT
L.A.: 689 sqm. F.A. 249 sqm.
Lot 6-E-3-P Municipal Rd. Centro
Minimum Bid Price 738,000.00

LOT 77 - LOT W/ IMPRVT
L.A. 350 sqm. F.A. 201 sqm.
Lot 23-B Nat'L Rd. Poblacion
Minimum Bid Price : 1,167,000.00

LOT 78 - LOT W/ IMPRVT
L.A.: 1,006 sqm. F.A.: 297 sqm.
Lot 13-C-3-A Nat'L Rd. Iringan
Minimum Bid Price 1,516,000.00

LOT 79 - VACANT LOT
L.A. 607 sqm.
Lot 908 Brgy. Rd. Mapurao.
Minimum Bid Price : 24,000.00

LOT 80 - VACANT LOT
L.A. 587 sqm.
Lot 1000 Brgy. Rd. Mapurao
Minimum Bid Price : 24,000.00

LOT 81 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 601 sqm.
Lot 1600 Mapurao
Minimum Bid Price : 12,000.00

LOT 82 - VACANT LOT
L.A. 599 sqm.
Lot 1601 Mapurao
Minimum Bid Price 12,000.00

LOT 83 - VACANT LOT
L.A. 602 sqm.
Lot 1602 Mapurao
Minimum Bid Price : 12,000.00

LOT 84 - VACANT LOT
L.A. 594 sqm.
Lot 1116 Mapurao
Minimum Bid Price : 12,000.00

LOT 85 - VACANT LOT
L.A. 600 sqm.
Lot 1117 Mapurao
Minimum Bid Price : 12,000.00

LOT 86 - VACANT LOT
L.A. 620 sqm.
Lot 1130 Mapurao
Minimum Bid Price : 13,000.00

LOT 87 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 593 sqm.
Lot 1132 Mapurao
Minimum Bid Price : 12,000.00

LOT 88 - VACANT LOT
L.A. 593 sqm.
Lot 996 Mapurao
Minimum Bid Price 13,000.00

LOT 89 - VACANT LOT
L.A. 600 sqm.
Lot 1118 Mapurao
Minimum Bid Price : 12,000.00

LOT 90 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 593 sqm.
Lot 1134 Mapurao
Minimum Bid Price : 12,000.00

LOT 91 - VACANT LOT
L.A. 596 sqm.
Lot 1115 Mapurao
Minimum Bid Price 12,000.00

LOT 92 - VACANT LOT
L.A. 598 sqm.
Lot 1133 Mapurao
Minimum Bid Price : 12,000.00

LOT 93 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 599 sqm.
Lot 1131 Mapurao
Minimum Bid Price : 12,000.00

LOT 94 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 614 sqm.
Lot 1129 Mapurao
Minimum Bid Price : 12,000.00

LOT 95 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 598 sqm.
Lot 1105 Mapurao
Minimum Bid Price : 12,000.00

LOT 96 - VACANT LOT
L.A. 597 sqm.
Lot 1106 Mapurao
Minimum Bid Price : 12,000.00

LOT 97 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 1,662 sqm.
Lot B Interior Lot Malayo
Minimum Bid Price : 47,000.00

LOT 98 - VACANT LOT
L.A. 599 sqm.
Lot 1171 Mapurao
Minimum Bid Price : 11,000.00

LOT 99 - VACANT LOT
L.A. 597 sqm.
Lot 1172 Mapurao
Minimum Bid Price : 11,000.00

LOT 100 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 603 sqm.
Lot 1309 Mapurao
Minimum Bid Price : 11,000.00

LOT 101 - VACANT LOT
L.A. 597 sqm.
Lot 1310 Mapurao
Minimum Bid Price 11,000.00

LOT 102 - VACANT LOT
L.A. 597 sqm.
Lot 1866 Mapurao
Minimum Bid Price 11,000.00

LOT 103 - VACANT LOT
L.A. 600 sqm.
Lot 2118 Mapurao
Minimum Bid Price : 11,000.00

LOT 104 - VACANT LOT
L.A. 600 sqm.
Lot 2117 Mapurao
Minimum Bid Price : 11,000.00

LOT 105 - LOT W/ IMPRVT
L.A. 622 sqm. F.A. 138 sqm.
Lot 5235-C Nat'L Rd. Nanappatan
Minimum Bid Price : 97,000.00

LOT 106 - W/ MAKESHIFT IMPRVT
L.A. 741 sqm.
L352-A Interior Lot W/ Alley Centro
Minimum Bid Price : 434,000.00

LOT 107 - W/ MAKESHIFT IMPRVT
L.A. 362 sqm. F.A. 315 sqm.
Lot-4765 Nat'L Rd Tallungan
Minimum Bid Price : 1,058,000.00

LOT 108 - W/ MAKESHIFT IMPRVT
L.A. 2,097 sqm.
Lot No 2908 Brgy. Rd. Linao
Minimum Bid Price : 47,000.00

LOT 109 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 3,856 sqm.
Lot 3570-A-2-A Nat'L Rd Pattung
Minimum Bid Price : 112,000.00

LOT 110 - W/ MAKESHIFT IMPRVT
L.A.: 1,823 sqm.
L1426 Brgy Rd. Cabuluan West
Minimum Bid Price : 62,000.00

LOT 111 - LOT W/ IMPRVT
L.A. 1,650 sqm. F.A. 107 sqm.
Lot 6390 Brgy Rd. Nararagan
Minimum Bid Price 73,000.00

LOT 112 - LOT W/ IMPRVT
L.A. 11,002 sqm. F.A : 103 sqm.
Lot 3-1 Brgy Rd Nararagan
Minimum Bid Price 122,000.00

LOT 113 - LOT W/ IMPRVT
L.A.: 10469 sqm. F.A.: 77 sqm.
Lots 3-A & 3-C Landlocked Brgy Rd. Nararagan
Minimum Bid Price 127,000.00

LOT 114 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 35,834 sqm.
Lot 6396 Brgy Rd. Nararagan
Minimum Bid Price : 259,000.00

LOT 115 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 713 sqm.
Lot 6405 Landlocked Zitanga
Minimum Bid Price 26,000.00

LOT 116 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 4,903 sqm.
Lot 6382 Landlocked Nararagan
Minimum Bid Price 45,000.00

LOT 117 - LOT W/ IMPRVT
L.A.: 3,450 sqm. F.A.: 80 sqm.
Lot 4018 Brgy. Rd. Pattao. Buguey
Minimum Bid Price 73,000.00

LOT 118 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 1,086 sqm.
L1-A Brgy Rd. Villa Gracia, Buguey
Minimum Bid Price 44,000.00

LOT 119 - W/ MAKESHIFT IMPRVT
L.A.: 4,171 sqm.
Lot 1709 Nat'L Rd. Bulala
Minimum Bid Price : 1,156,000.00

LOT 120 - LOT W/ IMPRVT
L.A. 595 sqm. F.A. 254 sqm.
Lot-2 Prov'L Rd Nabaccayan
Minimum Bid Price 1,797,000.00

LOT 121 - LOT W/ IMPRVT
L.A.: 5,395 sqm. F.A.: 121 sqm.
Lot 934-B Brgy. Rd Cullit
Minimum Bid Price : 206,000.00

LOT 122 - W/ MAKESHIFT IMPRVT
L.A. 5,486 sqm.
L114-F-2 Landlocked Lot. Poblacion
Minimum Bid Price 179,000.00

LOT 123 - LOT W/ IMPRVT
L.A.: 9,446 sqm. F.A. 80 sqm.
Lot 174-C Landlocked Cullit
Minimum Bid Price 174,000.00

LOT 124 - W/ MAKESHIFT IMPRVT
L.A. 4,002 sqm.
Lot 1571 Landlocked Guising, San Vicente
Minimum Bid Price : 65,000.00

LOT 125 - LOT W/ IMPRVT
L.A. 779 sqm. F.A. 250 sqm.
Lot 7379 Rizal St. Gonzaga
Minimum Bid Price 107,000.00

LOT 126 - W/ MAKESHIFT IMPRVT
L.A.: 2,731 sqm.
Lot 37 Nat'L Rd Ipil, Gonzaga,
Minimum Bid Price : 103,000.00

LOT 127 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
L.A. 1,397 sqm.
Lot 989 Pinos St., Gonzaga, Centro
Minimum Bid Price 236,000.00

LOT 128 - W/ MAKESHIFT IMPRVT
L.A.: 25,471 sqm.
Lot-C Brgy Rd Balangan, Gonzaga
Minimum Bid Price 210,000.00

LOT 129 - W/ MAKESHIFT IMPRVT
L.A. 11,394 sqm.
Lot-B Brgy Rd Balangan, Gonzaga
Minimum Bid Price 139,000.00

LOT 130 - W/ MAKESHIFT IMPRVT
L.A.: 19,932 sqm. F.A.: 63 sqm.
Lot-H Brgy Rd Calayan, Gonzaga
Minimum Bid Price 253,000.00

LOT 131 W/ MAKESHIFT IMPRVT
L.A. 230 sqm. F.A. 28 sqm.
Lot 11 Nat'L Rd Ipil, Gonzaga
Minimum Bid Price : 35,000.00

LOT 132 - W/ MAKESHIFT IMPRVT
L.A.: 21,543 sqm.
Lot 1451 & 1452 Brgy Rd Minanga
Minimum Bid Price : 296,450.00

LOT 133 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 283 sqm.
Lot 317 Nat'L Rd Baua, Gonzaga
Minimum Bid Price : 19,000.00

LOT 134 - LOT W/ IMPRVT
L.A. 313.50 sqm. F.A. 118 sqm.
Lot 547-A-2 Nat'L Rd. Maxingal(Now) San Jose
Minimum Bid Price 319,000.00

LOT 135 - LOT W/ IMPRVT
L.A. 303 sqm. F.A.: 191 sqm.
Lot 291 Nat'L Rd. Maxingal
Minimum Bid Price : 504,000.00

LOT 136 - VACANT LOT
L.A. 899 sqm.
Lot No. 5962 Landlocked Alinguia
Minimum Bid Price : 7,000.00

LOT 137 - LOT W/ IMPRVT
L.A. 590 sqm. F.A. 64 sqm.
Lot 3386-S Municipal Rd. Centro 2
Minimum Bid Price 82,000.00

LOT 138 - W/ MAKESHIFT IMPRVT
L.A. 500 sqm. F.A. 48 sqm.
Lot 4-A Nat'L Rd. San Pedro
Minimum Bid Price : 84,000.00

LOT 139 - W/ MAKESHIFT IMPRVT
L.A. 2,488 sqm.
Lot 6131-A Prov'L Rd. Finugu Norte
Minimum Bid Price : 112,000.00

LOT 140 - LOT W/ IMPRVT
L.A. 19,580 sqm. F.A. 156 sqm.
Lot 3491-J Nat'L Rd. San Pedro
Minimum Bid Price 163,000.00

LOT 141 - LOT W/ IMPRVT
L.A. 630 sqm. F.A.: 101 sqm.
Lot 6 Landlocked Poblacion
Minimum Bid Price : 214,000.00

LOT 142 - VACANT LOT
L.A. 942 sqm.
Lot 3401-Mh Nia Rd. Alannay, Lasam, Cagayan
Minimum Bid Price 23,000.00

LOT 143 - VACANT LOT
L.A 5,468 sqm.
L3012-D-3-D Landlocked Poblacion
Minimum Bid Price 182,000.00

LOT 144 - W/ MAKESHIFT IMPRVT
L.A 3,680 sqm.
Lot No 2840 Brgy. Rd. Bagu
Minimum Bid Price 125,000.00

LOT 145 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 2,163 sqm.
Lot 1890 Nattapian, Solana
Minimum Bid Price 54,000.00

LOT 146 - AGRILAND WITH MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 14,701 sqm.
Lot 275. Nat'L Road, Racat
Minimum Bid Price 165,000.00

LOT 147 - W/ MAKESHIFT IMPRVT
L.A. 586 sqm. F.A.. 80 sqm.
Lot 550 Brgy Rd. Casambalangan
Minimum Bid Price 105,000.00

LOT 148 - W/ MAKESHIFT IMPRVT
L.A 4,486 sqm.
Lot 267 Nat'L Rd Racat
Minimum Bid Price 121,000.00

LOT 149 - VACANT LOT
L.A : 1,163 sqm.
Lot 1248 Municipal Road, Diora Site
Minimum Bid Price 124,000.00

LOT 150 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 1,338 sqm.
L986 Pinos St. Gonzaga Centro
Minimum Bid Price 280,000.00

LOT 151 - VACANT LOT
L.A. 452 sqm.
Lot 586 Nat'L Rd Casambalangan, Sta. Ana, Cagayan
Minimum Bid Price 118,000.00

LOT 152 - VACANT LOT
L.A. 286 sqm.
Lot 596-C Brgy. Rd. Tangalan, Sta. Ana, Cagayan
Minimum Bid Price : 24,000.00

LOT 153 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 1,300 sqm.
Lot 944-B Mun. Rd. Centro, Sta. Ana, Cagayan
Minimum Bid Price : 176,000.00

LOT 154 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 1,212 sqm.
Lot 1215 Undeveloped Rd Diora Site Sta. Ana. Cagayan
Minimum Bid Price 78,000.00

LOT 155 - VACANT LOT
L.A. 1,154 sqm.
Lot 1262 Undeveloped Rd. Diora Site, Sta. Ana, Cagayan
Minimum Bid Price 74,000.00

LOT 156 - VACANT LOT
L.A. 1,250 sqm.
Lot 1110 Undeveloped Rd. Diora Site, Sta. Ana, Cagayan
Minimum Bid Price 76,000.00

LOT 157 - VACANT LOT
L.A.. 547 sqm.
Lot 639 Undeveloped Brgy. Rd. Casambalangan
Minimum Bid Price : 44,000.00

LOT 158 - VACANT LOT
L.A 1,249 sqm.
L1042 Undeveloped Rd Diora Site
Minimum Bid Price 80,000.00

LOT 159 - VACANT LOT
L.A. 4,394 sqm.
L12-C Landlocked Diora Vistacion
Minimum Bid Price 93,000.00

LOT 160 - W/ MAKESHIFT IMPRVT
L.A.: 4,754 sqm.
L1938 Brgy Rd Nia Rd Simpatuyo
Minimum Bid Price 125,000.00

LOT 161 - VACANT LOT
L.A.. 742 sqm.
Lot 2556 Prov'L Rd. Buyon
Minimum Bid Price : 30,000.00

LOT 162 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 1,174.30 sqm.
Lot No. 3728-B Servando Liban, Brgy. II, Balzain, Tuguegarao City
Minimum Bid Price : 1,287,000.00

ISABELA

LOT 163 - LOT W/ IMPRVT
L.A.. 6,019 sqm. F.A.. 90 sqm.
Lot 1405, Canangan, Angadanan
Minimum Bid Price : 940,000.00

LOT 164 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 315 sqm.
Lot 4. Cor. Provincial Rd & Cacal Sts. Bagon Linis
Minimum Bid Price : 454,000.00

LOT 165 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 319.75 sqm.
Lot 3508-H. Provincial Rd
Minimum Bid Price : 152,000.00

LOT 166 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 70,044 sqm.
Lot 4479 Brgy. Rd. Ranlag
Minimum Bid Price : 343,000.00

LOT 167 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 1,100 sqm.
Lot 2219-A, Barrio Of Cubag
Minimum Bid Price 74,000.00

LOT 168 - VACANT LOT
L.A. 640 sqm.
Lot 424-C, Friar Lands Estate
Minimum Bid Price : 154,000.00

LOT 169 - LOT W/ IMPRVT
L.A.: 200 sqm. F.A.: 72 sqm.
Lot 1-J-2-B Cabaruan
Minimum Bid Price : 444,000.00

LOT 170 - LOT W/ IMPRVT
L.A.. 450 sqm. F.A.: 420 sqm.
Lot 20-E-6-E-1 Poblacion
Minimum Bid Price 8,486,000.00

LOT 171 - W/ MAKESHIFT IMPRVT
L.A.: 2,000 sqm.
Lot B-5-E, Lot B-5-F-3-S-5. Nat'L Road, Prenza
Minimum Bid Price 6,843,000.00

LOT 172 - LOT W/ IMPRVT
L.A.: 223 sqm. F.A : 77 sqm.
L599-B Along Prov'l Rd., San Jose
Minimum Bid Price 300,000.00

LOT 173 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 1,105 sqm.
L1-B-2 Along Provincial Road, Rizal
Minimum Bid Price 282,000.00

LOT 174 - LOT W/ IMPRVT
L.A. 233 sqm. F.A 191 sqm.
Lot 5. Blk 7 P. Apostol St., Calamagui 2Nd
Minimum Bid Price : 459,000.00

LOT 175 - VACANT LOT
L.A. 308 sqm.
Lot 3-A, Blk 3 Calamagui 2Nd
Minimum Bid Price 197,000.00

LOT 176 - LOT W/ IMPRVT
L.A.: 503 sqm. F.A.: 102 sqm.
Lot 7139-A Alinguigan 2Nd
Minimum Bid Price 448,000.00

LOT 177 - LOT W/ IMPRVT
L.A.: 1,327 sqm.
Lot 4 Casuga St., Bugallon Norte
Minimum Bid Price 252,000.00

LOT 178 - LOT W/ IMPRVT
L.A.: 1,102.50 sqm.
Lot 1-A Brgy. San Ramon
Minimum Bid Price 363,000.00

LOT 179 - LOT W/ IMPRVT
L.A.: 1,643 sqm. F.A.: 148 sqm.
Lot 106-C, Brgy Muñoz East.Roxas
Minimum Bid Price 636,000.00

LOT 180 - LOT W/ IMPRVT
L.A 9,030 sqm. F.A.. 179 sqm.
L3686-A,B,D &F, Prov'l Rd. Basilio
Minimum Bid Price : 2,166,000.00

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Tribute to Irwin, Crocodile Hunter

Animal Planet International broadcasts a special 24-hour programming tribute to Steve Irwin, Crocodile Hunter, from 12 a.m. to 12 p.m. today.

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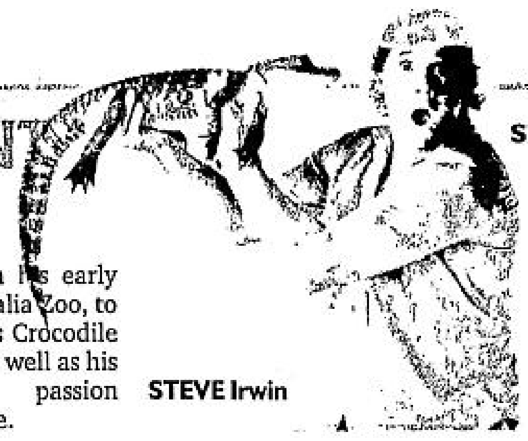


STEVE Irwin

The special programming marathon will feature some of the best episodes from the long-running "Crocodile Hunter" series, which showcases Steve's dedication to conservation and his exuberant approach to educating viewers about the natural world.

'Salome' on Cinema One

Cinema One premieres the classic movie "Salome" on its Sunday Cine Premiere prime time block at 8 tonight.

The movie features Gina Alajar as the lead character, with Armida Siguion-Reyna, Bongchi Miraflor, Bruno Punzalan and Dennis Roldan. Laurice Guillen directs.

As the story goes, when Salome, a farmer's wife, stabbed a persistent suitor to death, three versions of the truth ensued. Surrounded by an intriguing community, she challenged every woman's thoughts to discover their places in a patriarchal society.

Re-view of 9/11

CNN anchors and correspondents positioned in New York City, Washington D. C. in the United States and around the world will provide comprehensive and in-depth coverage on Sept. 11 five years after the attacks.

"Remembering 9/11" is an hour-long special narrated by people who lived through the attacks of Sept. 11. The program offers an emotional glimpse into the lives of those affected and focuses on the events of 9/11 as they unfolded and the critical moments of the days that immediately followed.

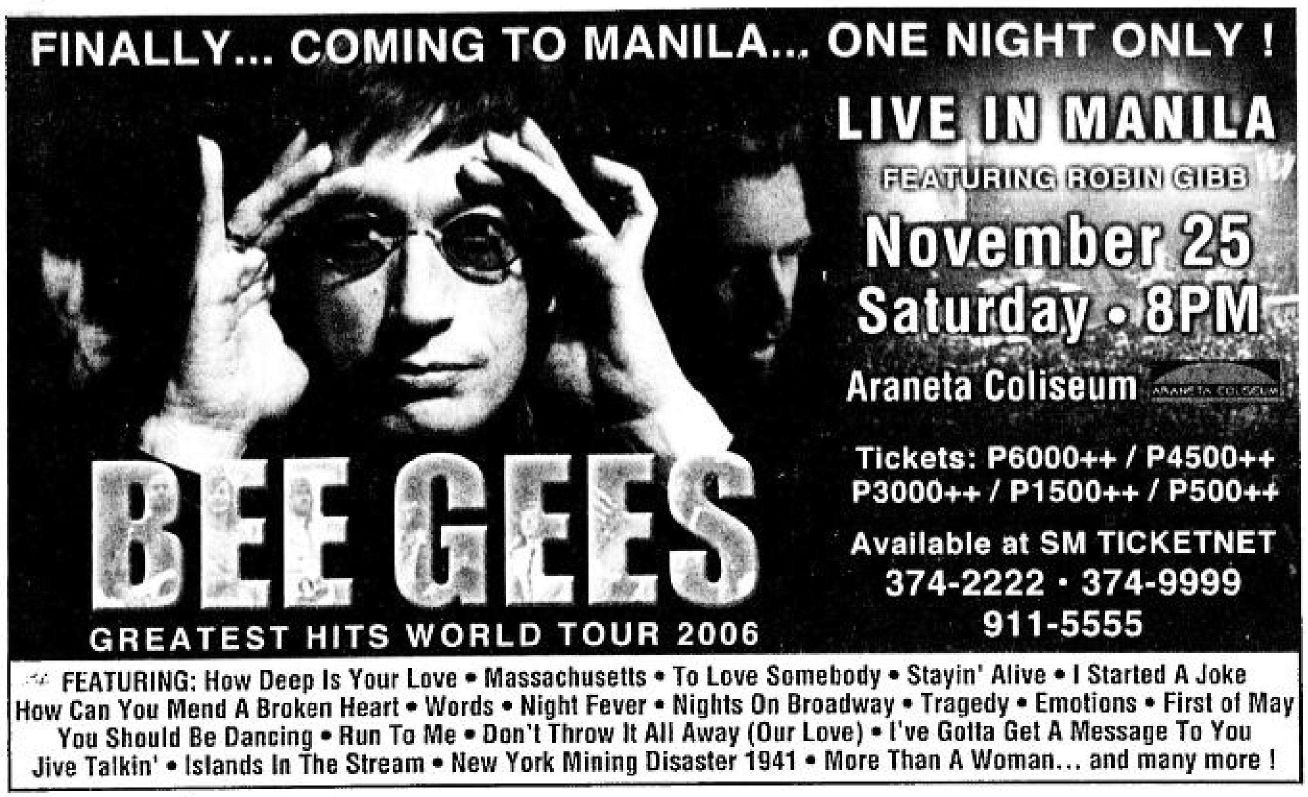
The special airs tonight at 8, tomorrow at 5 a.m. and 10 p.m. and on the 12th at 5 a.m.

CHRISTIANE Amanpour

Bin Laden on CNN

Filmed in 10 countries on four continents, "CNN Presents: In The Footsteps of Bin Laden" features 21 first-person accounts of bin Laden from his relatives, childhood friends, former schoolteacher, co-jihadists, bodyguard and even the wife of an al-Qaida suicide bomber—many of them breaking their silence for the first time on camera.

From his peaceful teenage years to orchestrating the events on 9/11, viewers are taken on a global journey, tracing the path of bin Laden's life from his childhood home and school in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia to his residence in Peshawar, Pakistan, where al-Qaida was born, The Christiane Amanpour report airs today, 5 a.m. on CNN.



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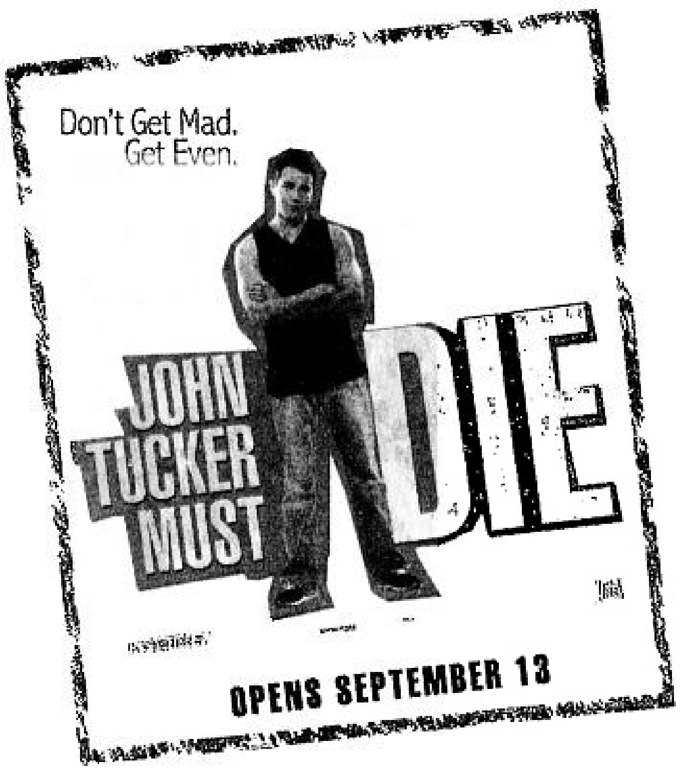

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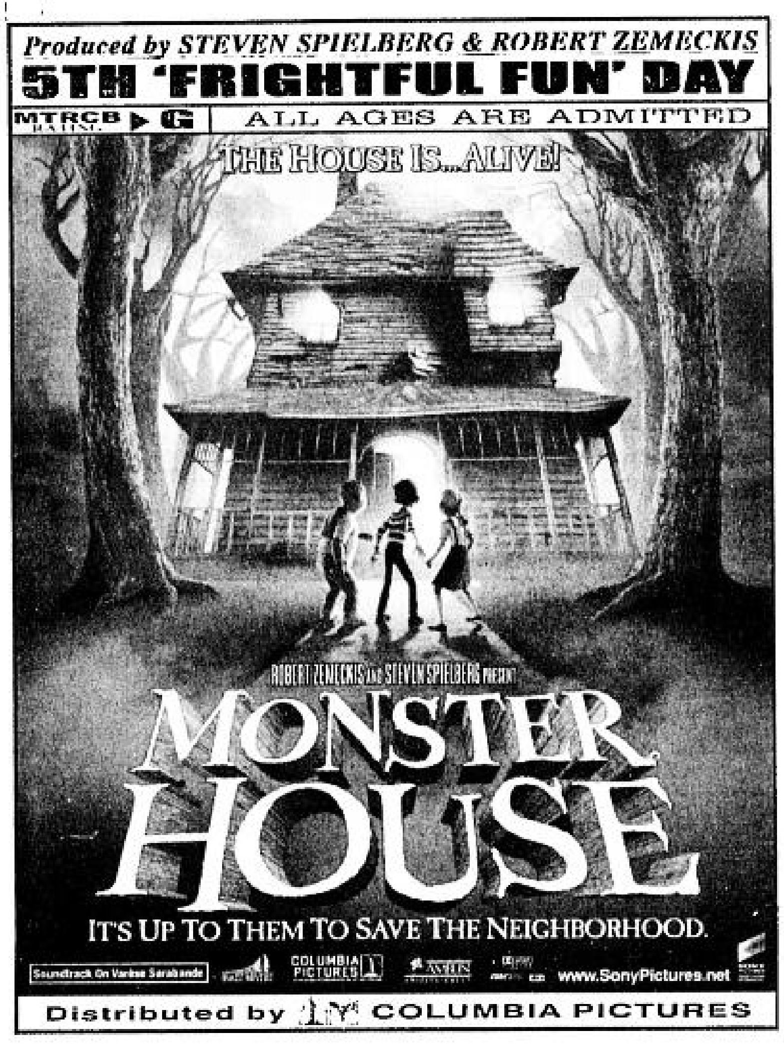

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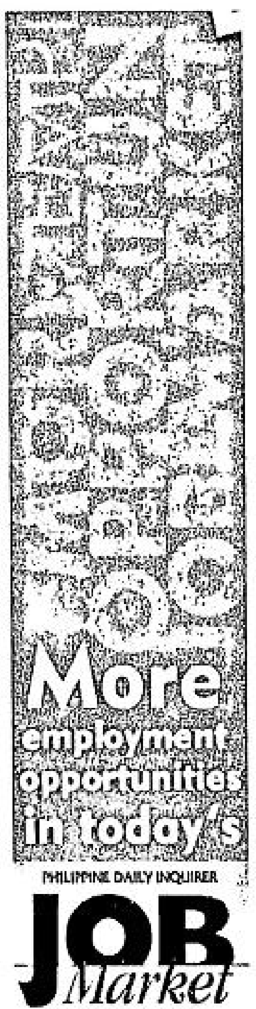

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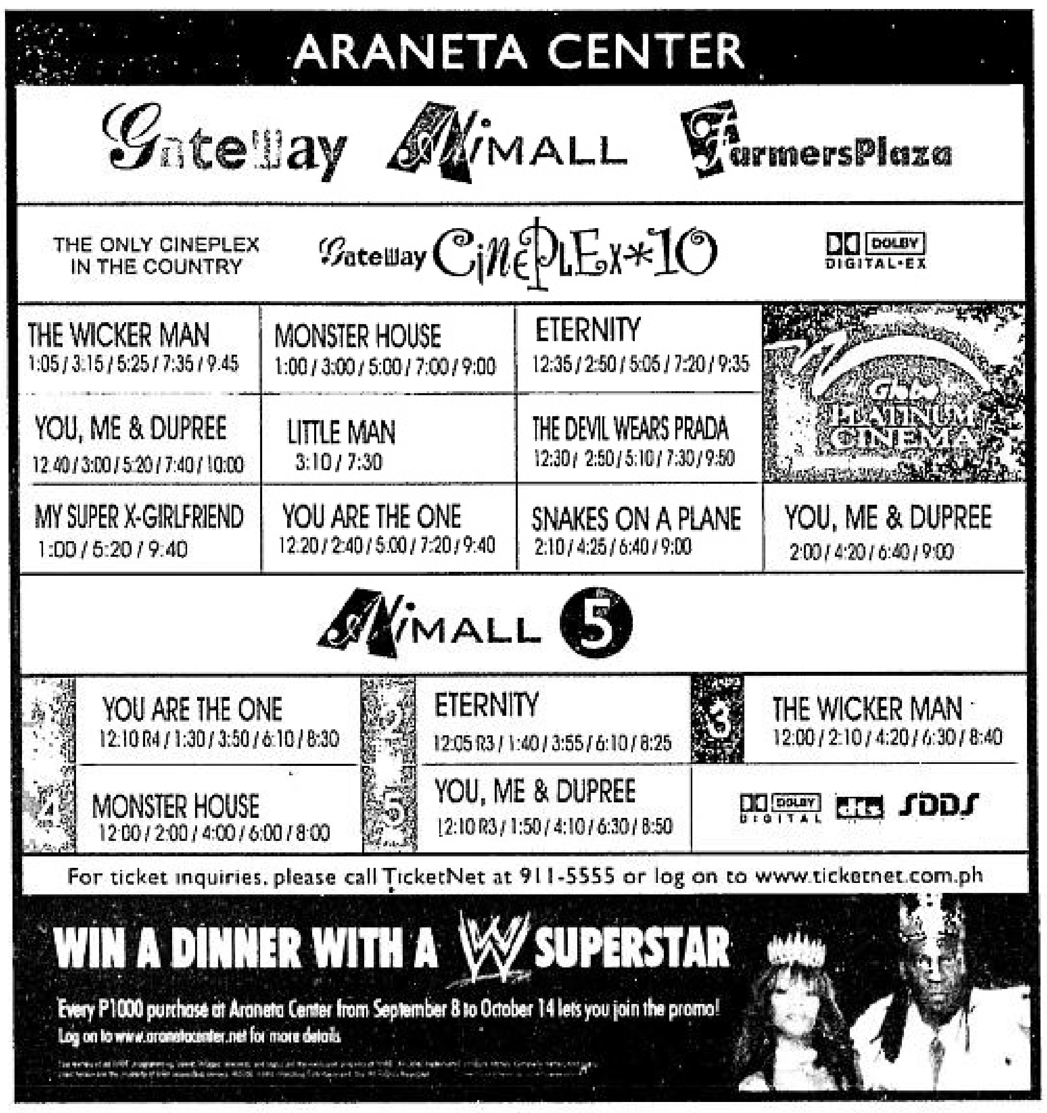

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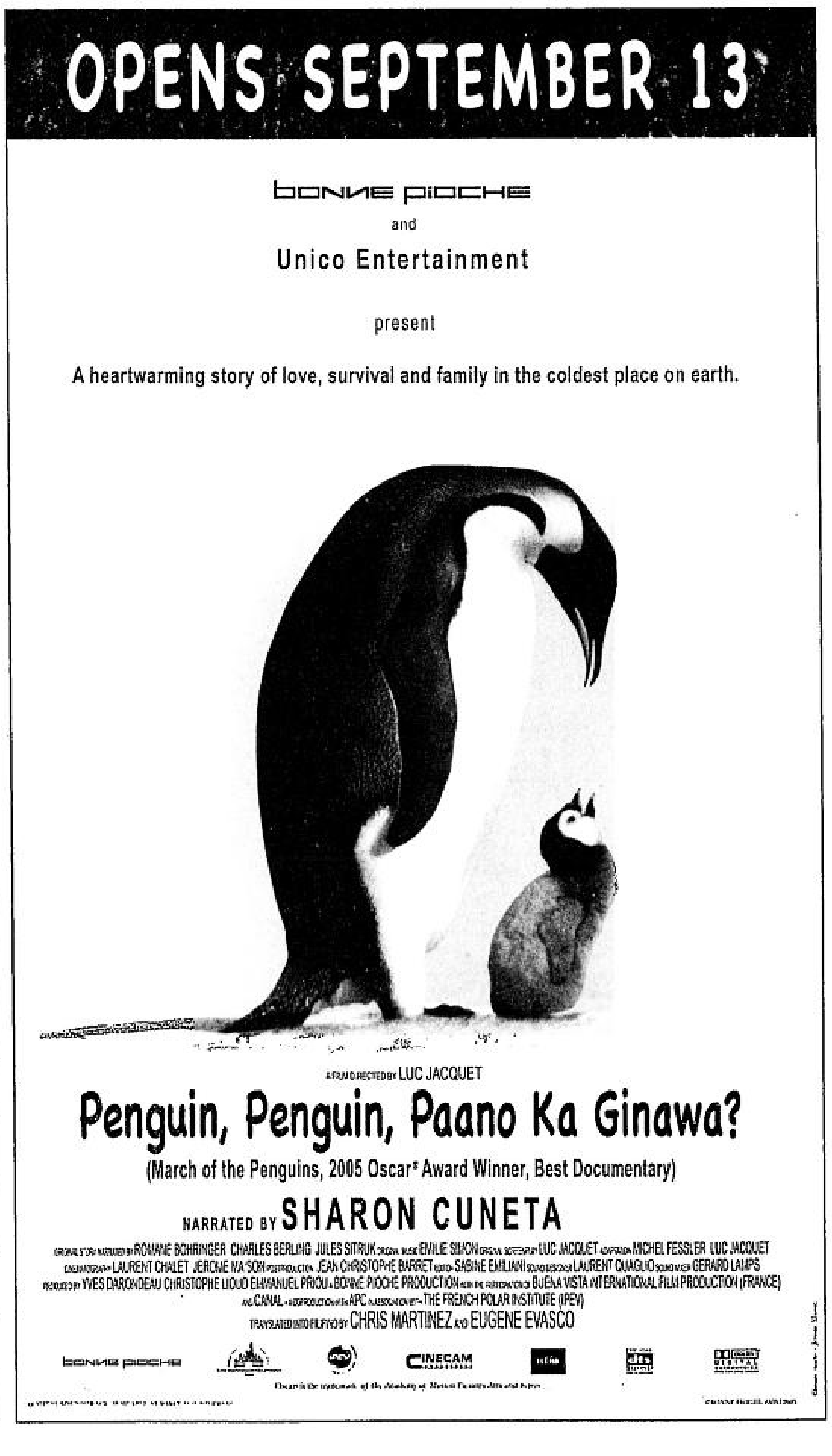

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CARRIE-ANNE Moss at the 31st Toronto Film Festival REUTERS

YOKO ONO Lennon in Toronto for "The US vs John Lennon." AP

FROM LEFT: producer Mary Anne Waterhouse, director Andrew Currie and actor Henry Czerny at TFF's "Fido" premiere. REUTERS

TORONTO, ONTARIO—THE TORONTO International Film Festival (TIFF) may boast of a varied fare—from the Philippines' "Kubrador (The Bet Collector)" and "Twilight Dancers" to Brad Pitt's "Babel"—but one entry is stirring controversy: "Death of a President."

Why? "Death of a President," set to world premiere here today, Sunday, is a mock documentary that shows the fictional assassination of US President George W. Bush. Set in 2007, the British film, which the festival decided to list under the low key title of "D.O.A.P.," mixes archival footage and computer-generated imagery. The assassination opening scene, in which Bush's face is attached to the body of an actor, reportedly looks chillingly realistic. The aftermath of the killing—the investigation and the consequences—supposedly make up the bulk of the film directed by Gabriel Range.

Before we tell you more about this controversial addition to TIFF's lineup, let us share our thoughts on the entries that were screened to us in LA, before we flew to Toronto.

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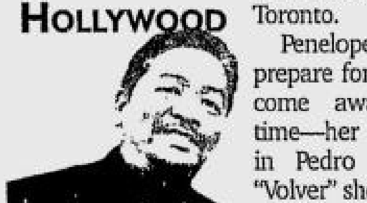

Ruben V. Nepales

Penelope Cruz should prepare for a busy sked come awards season time—her performance in Pedro Almodovar's "Volver" should earn her nominations. Acting again in her native language, the Spanish actress shows the brilliance and depth missing in her English films.

Pedro, who wanted Penelope to evoke those sultry, bosomy women of Italian neo-realist cinema like Sophia Loren and Anna Magnani, reportedly encouraged his star to wear a pair of prosthetic buttocks. Needless to say, Spain's preeminent filmmaker is in top form in his homage to his childhood roots.

Flashback

A DVD screener of "Kubrador" allowed us to appreciate Gina Pareño's excellent performance. Director Jeffrey Jeturian took us back to our childhood where every dream has an equivalent number in jueteng. What we particularly like about "Kubrador" is that it is more of a series of vignettes, rather than a succession of plot contrivances. It's a rarity—a Pinoy film that dares to tarry and linger on the protagonist even when she is basically just walking. But what a pleasure it is to watch Gina as she reacts to the things she encounters as she collects bets.

"Little Children," starring Kate Winslet ("Titanic"), Jennifer Connelly and Patrick Wilson, is being hailed by critics as a worthy follow-up effort of director Todd Field to his acclaimed "In the Bedroom." This is a drama which essays the affair of a married man and woman (Patrick and Kate have several nude scenes) in a suburban town in a tizzy over a child molester living in their midst. Former child actor Jackie Earle Haley is so convincing as a convicted sex offender—he is disturbing and creepy. Best supporting actor nods should come his way.

"Venus" offers us a rare chance to relish the undiminished acting prowess of Peter O'Toole, one of the greatest actors of our time. In his first

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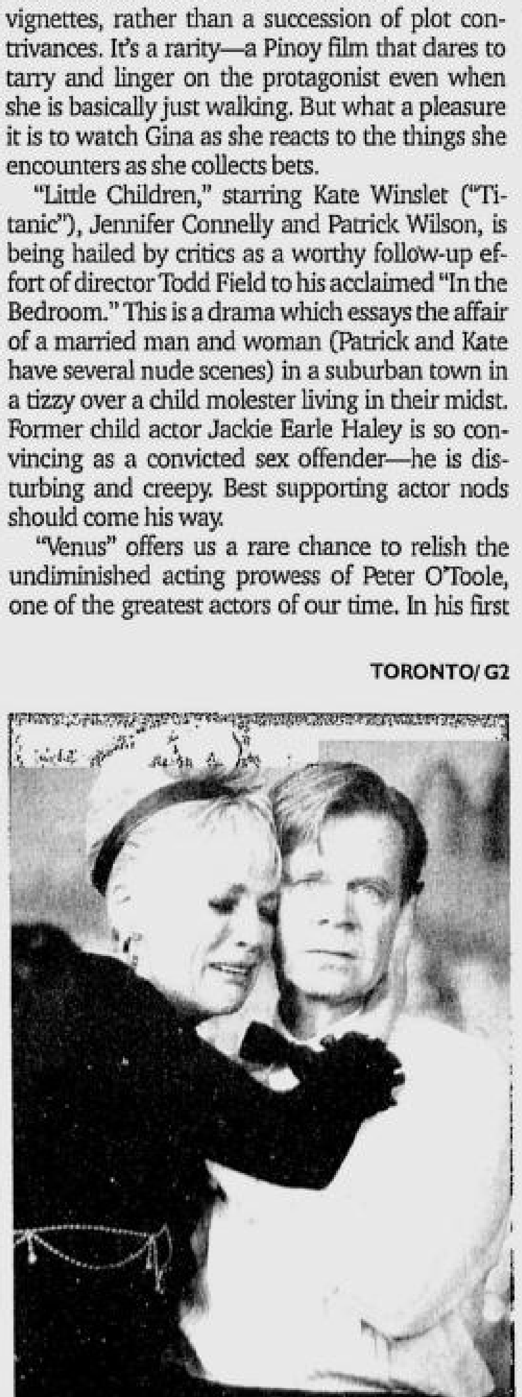

SHARON Stone and William H. Macy star in "Bobby," a festival favorite. AP PHOTO

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- Winner of the grand prize and companions needs to sign a waiver prior to any arrangement of flight or travel details.
- Should the winner and companions refuse to sign a waiver, another winner will be drawn prior to the approval of BFAD.
- PCPPI will determine the date and venue of the Rockstar Party with Bamboo.
- PCPPI must be furnished with all relevant travel documents and details required for travel bookings at least two (2) weeks prior to the intended date of travel.
- PCPPI will not be liable for any loss (including but not limited to direct or consequential loss, damage, personal injury, death) that the winner and his companions may suffer (including but not limited to that arising from any person's negligence) in connection to any aspect of this promo.

Description of Winners:

Procedure in the Determination of Winning Entries:

- For the Hourly Raffle Draws and the Grand Draw, winners are to be determined via AZTech Solutions International Corp. computerized random generation system. AZTech Solutions International Corp. representatives will run the randomizer to generate the draw winner following the scheduled Hourly Draw and Grand Draw.
- The Hourly Draws and Grand Draw will be conducted in the presence of a BFAD Representative, Pepsi-Cola Representative, and AZTech Solutions International Corp. Representative.
- Qualified entries for the Hourly Draws must be received within the promo period or from 08.00.00 p.m. of Sept 15, 2006 up to 07.59.59 pm of Oct. 15, 2006.
- The Hourly Draws will include all eligible entries received during the hour preceding the draw (the first Hourly Draw – 09.00.00 pm of Sept 15, 2006 – will include the entries received from 08.00.00 pm of Sept 15, 2006 until 08.59.59 pm of Sept 15, 2006). Only the raffle entries earned from 00.00.00 to 00.59.59 of the hour will be valid for that hour's draw. A subscriber's raffle entry is valid up to the 59th minute and 59th second of the hour he/she texted the 6-digit alphanumeric code and is already registered for the promo.
- All entries from Sept.15, 2006 08:00:00 pm to October 15, 2006 07:59:59 pm are valid for the Grand Draw.
- If no entries are received for an Hourly Draw, the hourly prize for that Hourly Draw will be deemed to be an un-drawn prize.
- Un-drawn prizes will be distributed to the next valid entry randomly drawn after the last hourly potential winner has been drawn. This process will be repeated until all the un-drawn prizes are awarded.
- For the Hourly Draw, all raffle entries earned after the cut-off will revert back to zero (0).
- Raffle Entries accumulated every hour will be based on the cell phone number and not on the registered name.
- Winners shall be drawn one at a time using a randomly assigned raffle entry.
- A BFAD Representative will be requested and scheduled to supervise all the draws of this promo.
- A BFAD Representative will be fetched to and from the venue of the raffle draw.
- A BFAD Representative will not leave the venue and will not stop supervising the raffle draw until the next BFAD Representative for the succeeding shift arrives to witness the draw.

Security Codes:

- The pre-generated unique codes will be submitted to BFAD before the start of the promotion.

Computer Program:

- A BFAD representative shall be invited to check the computer system for receiving entries and registration, sending of reply messages, assigning random computer generated raffle numbers and drawing of winners. A copy of the system shall be sealed in an envelope and signed by the BFAD representative for safekeeping of AZTech Solutions International Corp. for verification of BFAD at anytime. The BFAD representative shall also check, verify, and test the sending of all reply messages. He/She shall also check the database for promotion.
- A printed copy and soft copy of the properties of the program and all reply messages shall be given to the BFAD representative after verification.
- Database/list of participants shall include the mobile number, name, address, date and time of transaction, number of raffle entries and points earned. A column shall be added to include the raffle number assigned randomly.
- The verification of the computer program by the invited BFAD Representative will be performed before the first Hourly Draw.
- If for any reason, any aspect of this promotion is not capable of running as intended, including by reason of infection of computer virus, mobile network failure, bugs, tampering, unauthorized intervention, fraud, technical failures or any causes beyond the control of PCPPI and AZTech Solutions International Corp. which corrupts or affects the conduct of this promotion, PCPPI reserves the right in its sole discretion to cancel, terminate, modify, or suspend the promo, or invalidate all the affected entries in concurrence to BFAD.

Assigning of Raffle Numbers:

- Electronic Raffle numbers will be assigned at random to all qualified participants in the presence of the BFAD representative before drawing winners. A copy of which will be saved in a diskette and sealed for BFAD.

Procedure in the Verification of Winning Entries:

A. The minute after every hourly draw, the **potential winner** (name has been drawn but has not undergone the validation process), as part of the Initial Verification process, shall be contacted by a phone call and text notification.

- 1st Minute SMS Notification will state that their names had been drawn, that a verification process is starting, and to wait for a call from AZTech Solutions International Corp. This SMS notification will come from the 2989 access number.
- As part of the initial verification, AZTech Solutions International Corp. will check the name of the potential winners to verify if the potential winners are not directors, management, and employees of Pepsi-Cola Products Philippines, Inc. and AZTech Solutions International Corp., and BBDO Guerrero Ortega including their relatives up to the second degree of consanguinity or affinity.
- AZTech Solutions International Corp. representative, through the phone call, will:
  1. First confirm with the potential winner if he/she joined the promo
  2. Confirm if he/she is the owner of the mobile phone's SIM card or account.
  3. Get the basic information from the potential winner:
     Name
     Age
     Address
  4. Query if employee or related to any employees of PEPSI, AZTech Solutions International Corp. and BBDO Guerrero Ortega including their relatives up to the second degree of consanguinity or affinity
  5. Ask if they are aware that by joining the promo they have agreed to give PCPPI the right, at their own discretion, to publish and announce their names and/or photos.
  6. Get their verbal permission.
  7. Ask what type of PCPPI product they purchased and the 6-digit numeric code/s that they texted.
  8. Inform the potential winners that for the **potential winner to be the valid winner**, a verification process and validation process will be carried out.
  9. Inform the potential winner that should they be cleared by AZTech Solutions International Corp., they will be notified via an SMS notification stating a confirmation that they are the valid winners and an SMS confirmation will be sent or a Registered mail will be delivered.
  10. Remind the potential winner of the requirements for claiming the prize should they be the valid winner after the validation process is done.

B. Upon complete verification, a representative from AZTech Solutions International Corp. will send an SMS notification to the legitimate winners to confirm that they are eligible to win and that they can only claim their prize as long as they present the winning SMS confirmation or Registered mail, 2 Valid IDs, and the proof of purchase with the correct 6-digit alphanumeric code that they texted or else the subscriber forfeits the prize. The prize will be considered un-drawn. The copy of the list of winners for the raffle draw with the signature of both the BFAD representative and PEPSI/AZTech Solutions International Corp. representative will be given to the BFAD representative.

C. If upon complete verification it is found that the potential winner is disqualified, a Letter of Disqualification will be sent to the subscriber by AZTech Solutions International Corp. prior to the approval of BFAD. AZTech Solutions International Corp. with BFAD as witness will have to re-run the randomizer to generate a new winner for the same game date and hour. This process will be repeated until the AZTech Solutions International Corp. representatives are be able to confirm a chosen winner.

D. Prizes shall be awarded only upon completion of the entire validation process, resulting in the subscriber being identified as a legitimate or valid winner.

E. AZTech Solutions International Corp. will inform BFAD of the final winner after verification and any disqualified winner(s) and reason(s) for disqualification. The potential and/or valid winners name and/or photos from the Grand and Hourly Draw may be, at the discretion of PCPPI, posted on TV commercials, announced on TV or radio stations, or printed in other form of marketing collaterals. By entering this promotion, the participating subscribers agree to this term.

NUMBER OF WINNERS/CATEGORIES OF WINNER/NO. OF TIMES A PARTICIPANT MAY WIN:

Number of Winners
- Hourly Draw: 1 hourly winner for the duration of the promo period, a total of 720 hourly winners
- Grand Draw: a total of 5 winners (each winner allowed to bring 4 friends)

A participant can win once per draw. The raffle entries earned by a subscriber will revert back to zero (0) after each Hourly Draw, hence, should the participant text in a new code for the succeeding hour, he/she may still win for the corresponding Hourly Draw of the hour they texted their code. For the Grand Draw, all valid entries from Sept. 15, 2006 08.00.00 pm to Oct. 15, 2006 07.59.59 pm, will be qualified.

- Raffle Entries accumulated every hour will be based on the cell phone number and not on the registered name.

PRIZES TO BE WON:

PRIZES AT STAKE	NO./CATEGORIES OF WINNERS
Sony Ericsson W300i Walkman phones	720 total number of winners
Rockstar Party with Bamboo	5 winners w/ 4 friends

PROCEDURE IN THE NOTIFICATION OF WINNERS:

A. Upon complete verification, a representative from AZTech Solutions International Corp. will:
1. Call the winners
2. Send a confirmation SMS and inform the winner how to claim the prize
3. Send registered mail (optional)

B. The copy of the list of winners for the raffle draw with the signature of both the BFAD representative and PEPSI/AZTech Solutions International Corp. representative will be given to the BFAD representative.

Since the potential and valid/legitimate winners will be getting a call and an SMS confirmation, the participants, upon joining this promo, consents to receive these SMS notifications and is in agreement that it is not necessary to provide opt-out keywords.

- Should the prize not be available for any reason, PCPPI reserves the right to substitute it, in its discretion, with another item of equal or higher value.
- Prizes are not convertible to cash but transferable.

Period of Redemption

- Prizes can be redeemed within 60 days after the winner receives the registered mail or the winning confirmation text from PEPSI from 2989.

Complete Address of Redemption Centers

- Prizes will be delivered by LBC to the address stated at the registration of the subscriber to the promo as soon as it is established that they are the legitimate winners based on the Registration details and the IDs, proof of purchase presented, and SMS confirmation or Registered Mail.

How to Claim/Claim Period

1. To claim the prize, the eligible winner must go to any LBC branch in their area and must present ALL of the following items to establish their identity as the eligible winner
   - Registered mail or the SMS confirmation
   - 2 Valid ID's
   - The proof of purchase (the Pepsi cap/product that has the correct 6-digit alphanumeric code texted by subscriber.)
2. Prizes cannot be claimed if ALL the items mentioned above are not presented.
3. Prize will be delivered by LBC to the address stated by the subscriber at the registration to the promo a day after the eligible winner presents ALL the requirements at the nearest LBC branch – SMS confirmation or Registered Mail, 2 Valid IDs, and Proof of Purchase (the Pepsi Cap/item that has the correct 6-digit Alphanumeric texted by subscriber.)
4. Prizes shall be awarded only upon completion of entire validation process, resulting in the subscriber being identified as a legitimate or valid winner and being able to present all the requirements needed to claim the prize.
5. If upon complete verification it is found that the potential winner is disqualified, a Letter of Disqualification will be sent to the subscriber by AZTech Solutions International Corp. prior to the approval of the BFAD. AZTech Solutions International Corp. with BFAD as witness will have to re-run the randomizer to generate a new winner for the same game date and hour. This process will be repeated until the AZTech Solutions International Corp. representatives are able to confirm chosen winner.
6. The winner, during the delivery of the prize by LBC, will be asked to sign a RECEIPT FORM indicating that he/she or their authorized representative has claimed the prize.
7. All winners below 18 years of age need to be with their legal guardian to claim prize. Both the minor and the parent/guardian should present valid identification such as valid I.D. and birth certificate, together with all the requirements – 2 valid ID's, SMS confirmation or Registered mail, and proof of purchase with the correct 6-digit promo code. The latter should also present proof that he/she is the legal guardian of the minor.
8. In the event that the winner cannot go to the LBC branch to present the winning SMS confirmation or Registered Mail, 2 Valid I.D.s, and Proof of Purchase (the Pepsi cap/product that has the 6-digit alphanumeric code texted by subscriber) or cannot personally receive the prize being delivered by LBC, he/she may have his/her authorized representatives, and all the above-mentioned requirements the winner must present to claim.
9. In the event that the winner or his authorized representative is not able to receive the prize during delivery, the said prize can be collected at LBC branch that was tasked to deliver the prize within the redemption period.
10. Authorized Representative must present the Authorization Letter from the legitimate winner and Valid ID plus all the requirements the legitimate winner must present (Registered mail or txt notification from 2989, 2 valid IDs, proof of purchase with the correct 6-digit alphanumeric code).
11. In the event that the winner or his/her authorized representative did not collect the prize within the 60-day grace period given starting from the day the winning confirmation SMS or the registered mail had been received by the winning subscriber, the authorized PEPSI/AZTech Solutions International Corp. representatives will declare that the winner is void with prior BFAD approval and will have to re-run the randomizer/tabulation to generate a new winner for the same game date and time. This process will be repeated until the PEPSI/AZTech Solutions International Corp. representatives can be able to confirm chosen winner.

QUALIFICATION/DISQUALIFICATION OF PARTICIPANTS:

- This promo is open to all Globe, Touch Mobile, Smart Gold, Buddy, Talk n Text, Addict Mobile and Sun Cellular subscribers who are capable of joining SMS promotions.
- The directors, management, and employees of Pepsi-Cola Products Phils., Inc., AZTech Solutions International Corp., and BBDO Guerrero Ortega including their relatives up to the second degree of consanguinity or affinity are disqualified from joining this promo.

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2 YOU ARE THE ONE
12:00 2:30 5:00 7:30 10:00

3 THE DEVIL WEARS PRADA
12:30 2:50 5:10 7:30 9:50

4 MONSTER HOUSE
12:50 3:05 5:20 7:35 9:50

5 RESERVE

6 VICTORY

7 SNAKES ON A PLANE
1:00 3:15 5:30 7:45 10:00

8 YOU, ME AND DUPREE
12:10 2:35 5:00 7:25 9:50

9 CLICK
12:30 2:50 5:10 7:30 9:50

10 ETERNITY
12:40 3:00 5:20 7:40 10:00

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1 THE WICKER MAN
10:10 12:30 2:50 5:10 7:30 9:50

2 YOU, ME AND DUPREE
10:10 12:30 2:50 5:10 7:30 9:50

3 MONSTER HOUSE
10:20 12:20 2:20 4:20 6:20 8:25 10:00

4 THE DEVIL WEARS PRADA
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5 YOU ARE THE ONE
10:10 12:30 2:50 5:10 7:30 9:50

6 SNAKES ON A PLANE
10:10 12:30 2:50 5:10 7:30 10:00

7 ETERNITY
10:10 12:30 2:50 5:10 7:30 9:50

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1 SNAKES ON A PLANE
1:20 3:55 6:30 9:05

2 RESERVE

3 YOU ARE THE ONE
12:00 2:20 4:40 7:00 9:10

4 MONSTER HOUSE
11:50 2:10 4:30 6:50 9:10

5 THE DEVIL WEARS PRADA
12:25 2:35 4:45 6:55 9:00

6 YOU, ME AND DUPREE
12:05 2:15 4:25 6:40 9:00

7 THE WICKER MAN
12:05 2:15 4:25 6:40 9:00

8 ETERNITY
11:25 1:15 4:15 6:40 9:05

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1 MONSTER HOUSE
2 ETERNITY
3 YOU, ME AND DUPREE
4 THE WICKER MAN
5 YOU ARE THE ONE

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2 YOU ARE THE ONE
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2 SNAKES ON A PLANE
3 YOU ARE THE ONE
4 ETERNITY

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2 ETERNITY
3 YOU ARE THE ONE
4 MONSTER HOUSE

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2 SNAKES ON A PLANE
3 YOU ARE THE ONE
4 MONSTER HOUSE

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2 YOU ARE THE ONE
3 STAY ALIVE
4 ETERNITY
5 SNAKE SON A PLANE
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3 MONSTER HOUSE
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5 ETERNITY
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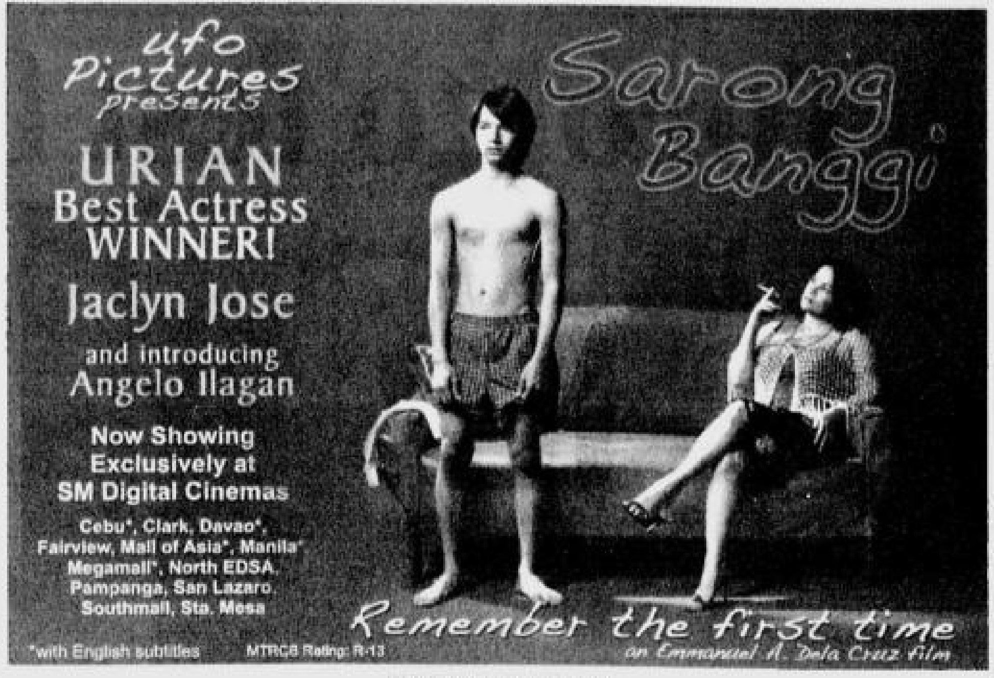

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1 YOU, ME AND DUPREE
2 WICKER MAN
3 YOU ARE THE ONE
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9 SARONG BANGGI
10 LITTLE MAN
11 SNAKES ON A PLANE
12 YOU ARE THE ONE

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1 MONSTER HOUSE
2 SNAKES ON A PLANE
3 YOU, ME AND DUPRE
4 ETERNITY
5 DEVIL WEARS PRADA
6 WICKER MAN
7 SARONG BANGGI WITH SUBTITLE
8 CLICK
9 YOU ARE THE ONE
10 YOU ARE THE ONE
11 LITTLE MAN
12 YOU, ME AND DUPRE

SM CITY FAIRVIEW 935-0749

1 SARONG BANGGI
2 MY SUPER EX-GIRLFRIEND
3 CLICK
4 SNAKES ON A PLANE
5 YOU, ME AND DUPRE
6 ETERNITY
7 WICKER MAN
8 MONSTER HOUSE
9 YOU ARE THE ONE
10 STAY ALIVE
11 DEVIL WEARS PRADA
12 LITTLE MAN

SM CITY STA. MESA 716-1416

1 YOU, ME AND DUPRE
2 WICKER MAN
3 YOU ARE THE ONE
4 MONSTER HOUSE
5 ETERNITY
6 LITTLE MAN
7 SNAKES ON A PLANE
8 SARONG BANGGI
9 DEVIL WEARS PRADA
10 MY SUPER EX-GIRLFRIEND

SM CITY SAN LAZARO 786-2488

1 WICKER MAN
2 MONSTER HOUSE
3 SARONG BANGGI
4 ETERNITY
5 SNAKES ON A PLANE
6 YOU ARE THE ONE

SM CITY SOUTHMALL 806-6888

1 WICKER MAN
2 MONSTER HOUSE
3 YOU ARE THE ONE
4 ETERNITY
5 YOU, ME AND DUPRE
6 SNAKES ON A PLANE
7 LITTLE MAN
8 DEVIL WEARS PRADA
9 SARONG BANGGI

SM CITY BICUTAN 776-3055

1 YOU ARE THE ONE
2 ETERNITY
3 WICKER MAN
4 MONSTER HOUSE

SM CITY MANILA 523-9240

1 SARONG BANGGI WITH SUBTITLE
2 YOU, ME AND DUPRE
3 DEVIL WEARS PRADA
4 SNAKES ON A PLANE
5 MONSTER HOUSE
6 WICKER MAN
7 MY SUPER EX-GIRLFRIEND
8 CLICK
9 YOU ARE THE ONE
10 LITTLE MAN
11 STAY ALIVE
12 ETERNITY

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1 YOU ARE THE ONE
2 ETERNITY
3 SNAKES ON A PLANE
4 MONSTER HOUSE

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1 SNAKES ON A PLANE
2 MONSTER HOUSE
3 YOU ARE THE ONE
4 ETERNITY

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4 STAY ALIVE
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2 MONSTER HOUSE
3 ETERNITY
4 YOU ARE THE ONE

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1 SNAKE ON A PLANE
2 STORMBREAKER
3 MONSTER HOUSE
4 STAY ALIVE
5 SARONG BANGGI WITH SUBTITLE
6 ETERNITY
7 YOU ARE THE ONE
8 MY SUPER EX-GIRLFRIEND

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1 MONSTER HOUSE
2 RESERVED
3 BUTTERFLY EFFECT 2
4 YOU ARE THE ONE
5 ETERNITY
6 MORTUARY
7 RESERVED
8 MY SUPER EX-GIRLFRIEND

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1 MONSTER HOUSE
2 SARONG BANGGI WITH SUBTITLE
3 YOU ARE THE ONE
4 STORMBREAKER
5 ETERNITY
6 BUTTERFLY EFFECT 2

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3 YOU ARE THE ONE
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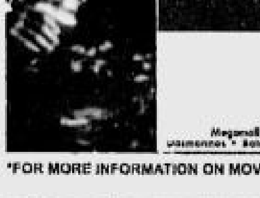

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Toronto fest fare …

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lead role in more than two decades, Peter, 74, and another distinguished actor, Leslie Phillips, play a pair of veteran actors whose comfortable senior life is turned upside down by the arrival of Leslie's character's niece (newcomer Jodie Whittaker). The conservatives may squirm at the sight of some scenes involving Peter and Jodie but these sequences are realistic, bittersweet encounters.

Engaging comedy

On the eve of our departure for Canada, we were shown "Stranger Than Fiction," an engaging comedy from director Marc Forster ("Finding Neverland," "Monster's Ball") about a writer, played by Emma Thompson, who is planning to kill off the principal character in her novel. But her supposedly literary creation, Harold Crick, portrayed by Will Ferrell, turns out to be alive. He goes into action to avoid being literally written off. Will (effectively subtle), Emma and Maggie Gyllenhaal (even in The Girlfriend role, this terrific actress is engrossing to watch) turn in top-rate performances.

Investigative docu

Going back to "D.O.A.P," here is a description of the film by Noah Cowan in the festival's Web site: "An unknown gunman assassinates George W. Bush. A couple of years later, an investigative documentary is made. It features all the people involved that fateful day: the protestors outside a Chicago hotel; the suspects in the shooting and their families; the Secret Service men who failed to protect their charge; the press; and an array of experts, desperately seeking meaning in this horrible act of violence. We learn, agonizingly, what happened to America… after the death of a president.

"This is easily the most dangerous and breathtakingly original film I have encountered this year. Director Gabriel Range's 2003 project 'The Day Britain Stopped'—which asked what might happen if Britain's transportation grid was suddenly halted—was his first experiment with this style. He assembles a vast array of media, manipulating and subtly altering it to act as a continuous background illustration of falsified histor—and then employs the conventional, after-the-fact style of 'History Television' and its ilk as narration.

Attack on Bush?

"As one might expect, Range is ultimately interested in addressing today's political issues through the lens of the future. Xenophobia, the hidden costs of war and the nature of civil liberties in a hyper-media age all come under the microscope. The film is never a personal attack on Bush; Range simply seeks to explore the potential conse-

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"DEATH of A President" ("D.O.A.P."), a mock documentary showing the fictional assassination of US President George W. Bush, is stirring controversy in Toronto, as expected.

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quences that might follow from the President's policies and actions."

With the mounting controversy about the pseudo-documentary, TIFF officials had to issue a press statement defending the film's inclusion in the fest's Vision program: "'D.O.A.P.' was chosen to screen as a world premiere at the Toronto International Film Festival in the Festival's Visions program. Visions spotlights films which challenge our notions of mainstream cinema and explore new cinematic territory… 'D.O.A.P.' addresses a wide array of contemporary issues including the loss of civil liberties, the ramifications of war, and ultimately critiques the overwhelming influence and manipulation of mass media.

Free expression

"The Toronto International Film Festival is committed to the free expression of ideas and to engaging audiences in thoughtful discussion about issues of the day. 'D.O.A.P.' contributes meaningfully to the public discourse surrounding current social issues, demonstrates highly original storytelling techniques and utilizes innovative

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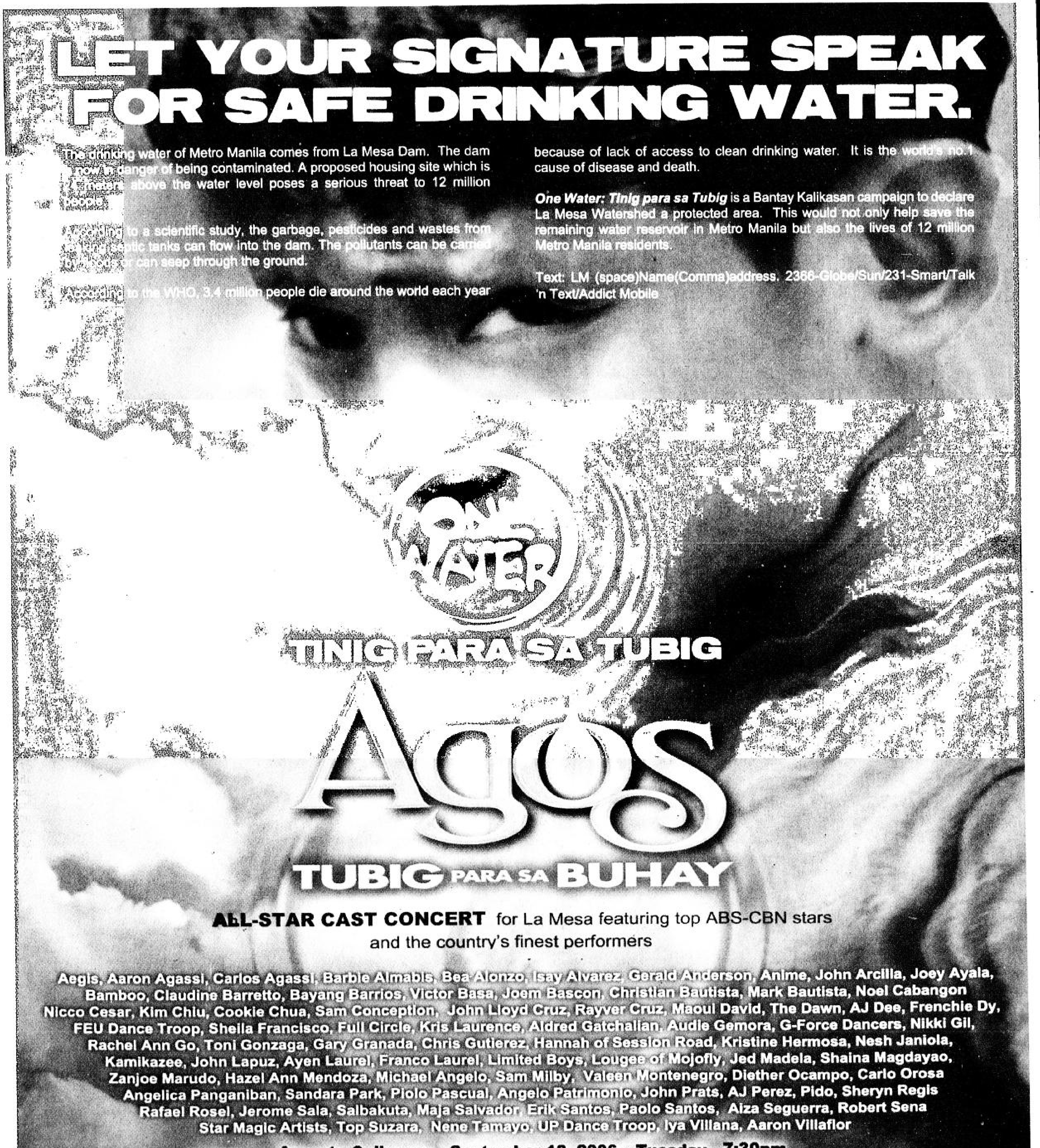
TYRON Perez plays a male stripper in "Twilight Dancers" by Mel Chionglo.



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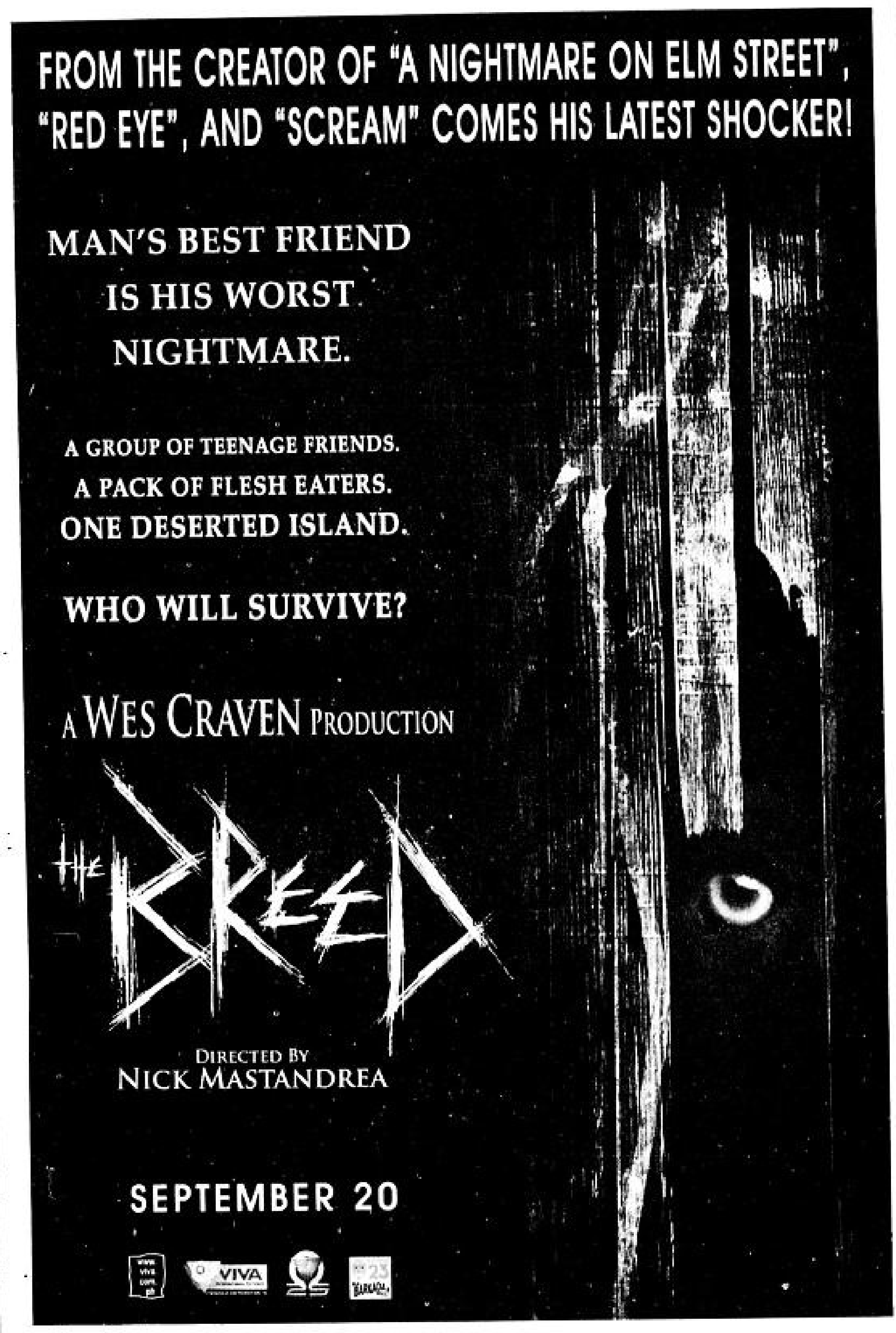
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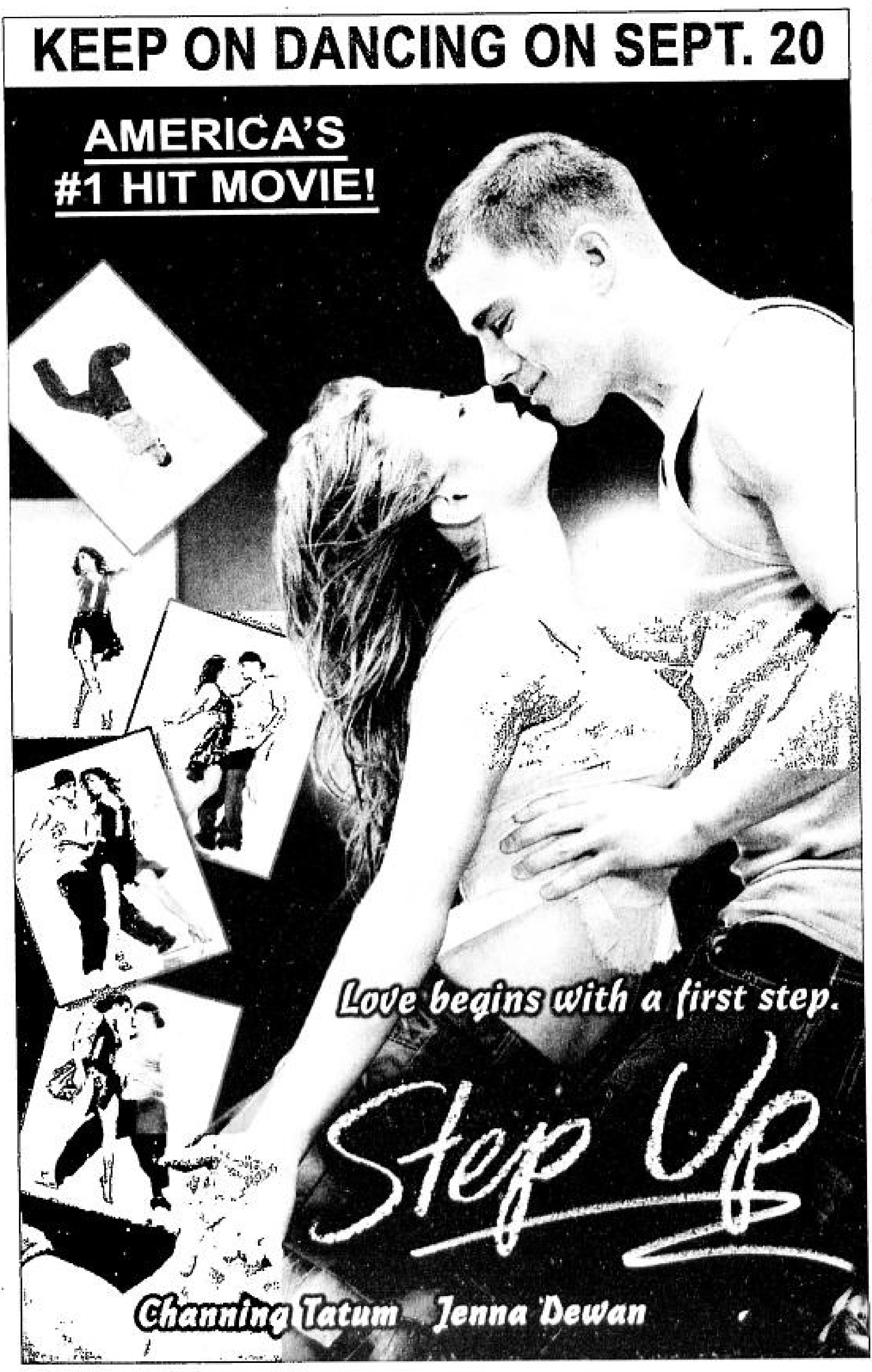
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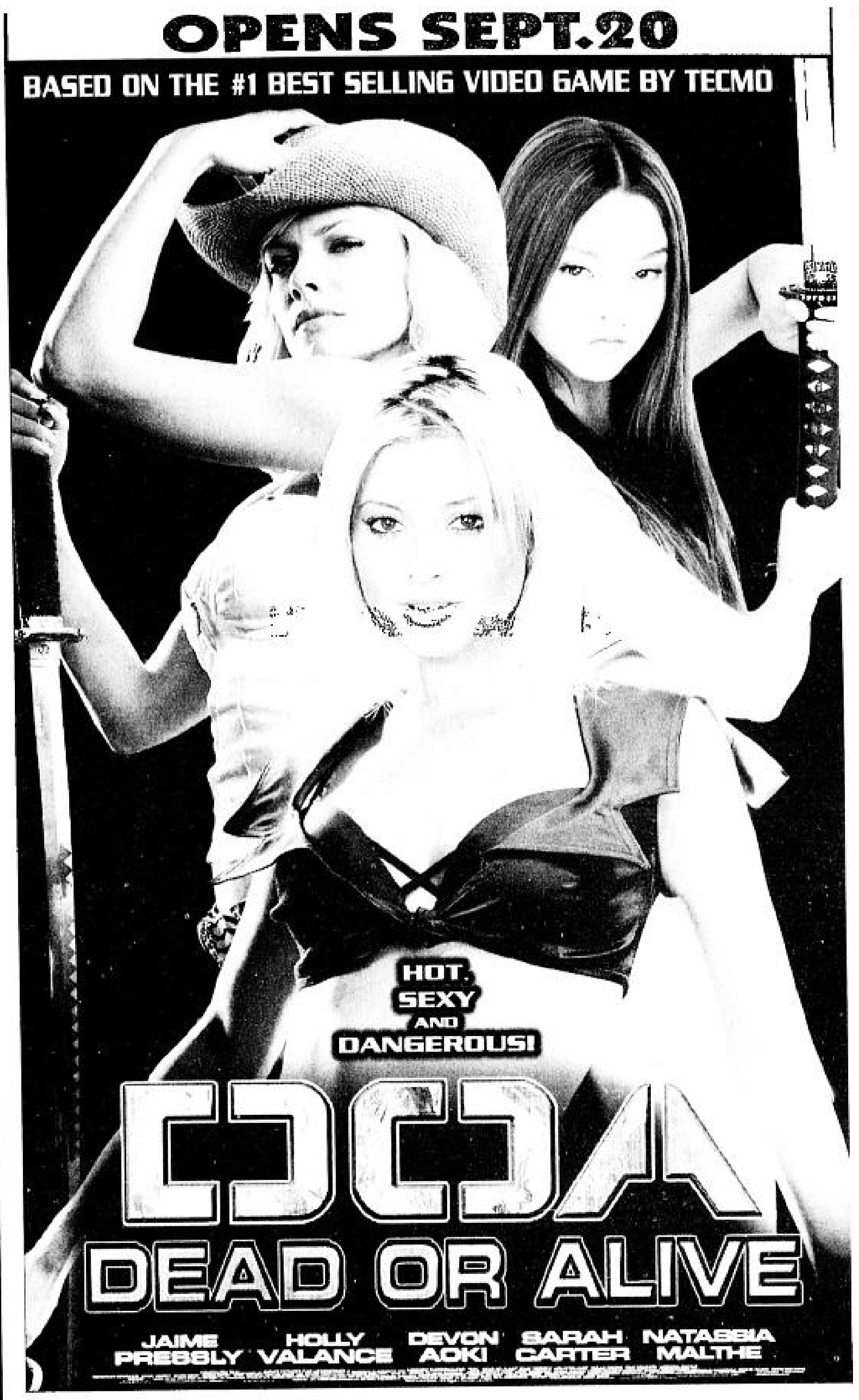
Gabriel, however, was frank about his film's objective. In a press release, the director said, "We're thrilled to be screening the film at Toronto… ('Death of a President' has) a striking premise which may be seen as highly controversial. But it's a serious film which I hope will open up the debate on where current US foreign and domestic policies are taking us."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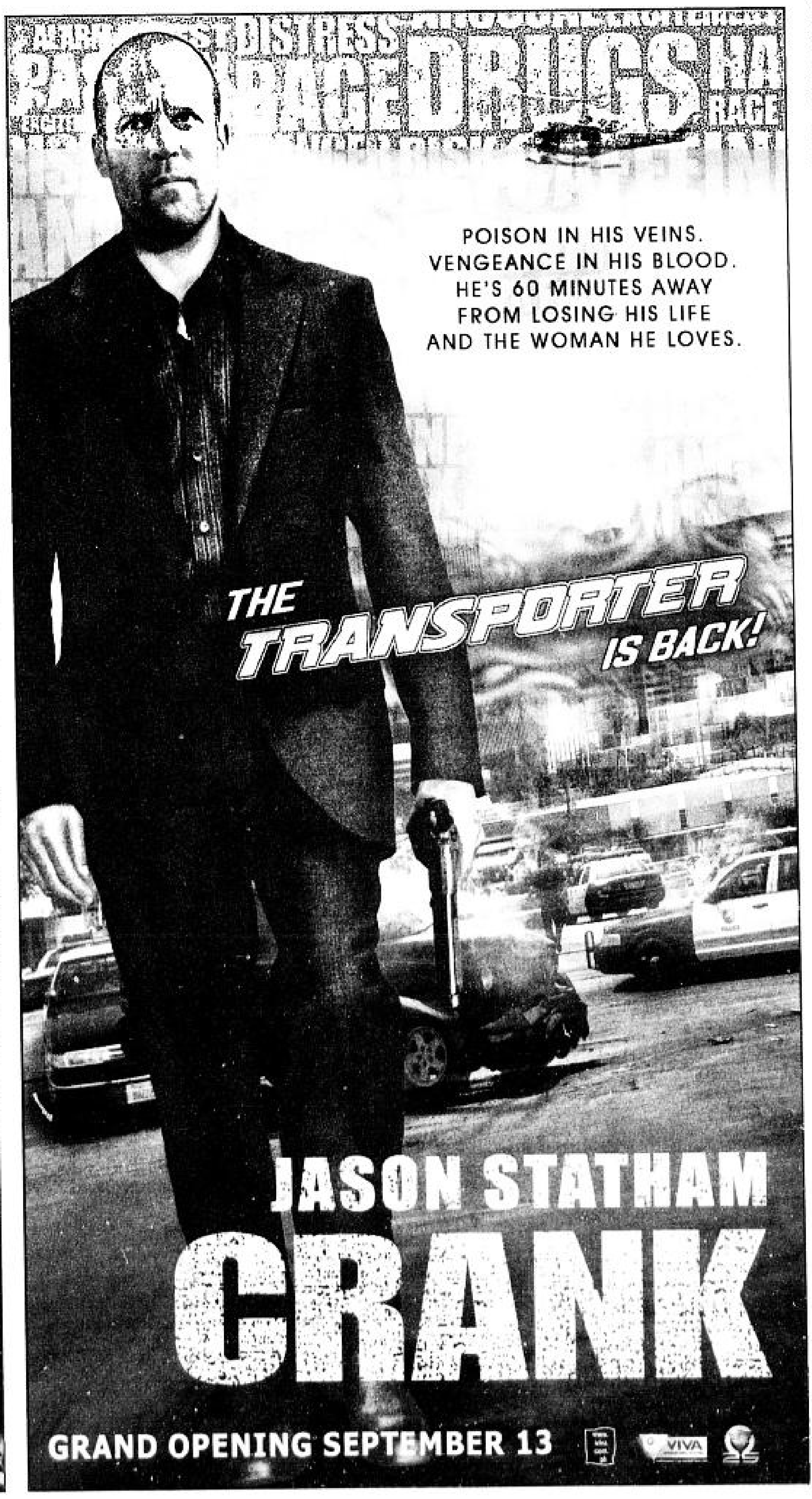
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Objections

Two conservative personalities have already denounced the film without having seeing it. Radio host Rush Limbaugh and US Congressman Peter King, chairman of the House Homeland Security Committee, described the movie as "sicko" and "absolutely disgraceful," respectively.

"Sicko," by the way, is also the title of Michael Moore's in-the-works documentary indicting the US healthcare and pharmaceutical industry. The liberal filmmaker behind "Fahrenheit 9/11" and "Bowling for Columbine" will show excerpts of "Sicko" and "The Great '04 Slacker Uprising," his other unfinished docu, at the TIFF.

Tough on presidents

Another documentary that will surely get its share of media attention, partly on its title alone, is "The Prisoner or: How I Planned to Kill Tony Blair." This fest is tough on presidents and prime ministers! "The Prisoner…" employs a comic book approach to tell the story of Yunis Khatayer Abbas, an Iraqi cameraman who was jailed for months by US forces on the false grounds that he was plotting to assassinate UK's prime minister.

Here are excerpts of TIFF's online description of the two entries from Manila, as written by Cameron Bailey:

'Kubrador (The Bet Collector)'

"Jeturian understands the pleasures of melodrama and gives 'The Bet Collector' just enough delicious anguish to satisfy his audience. But his observational style opens up the hothouse atmosphere common to the genre. The film ranges through the streets and homes of working-class Manila, offering an up-to-the-minute portrait of life lived in the hope of one small victory. Jeturian's greatest asset here is Pareño: like Fernanda Montenegro in 'Central Station,' she builds a deeply affecting portrait of a woman governed equally by necessary strength and overpowering emotion. She has a forceful physical presence, but remarkable delicacy and nuance of expression. Her performance is a revelation."

'The Twilight Dancers'

"Director Mel Chionglo expresses the flow of power among his characters in bold strokes and drapes the *mise-en-scène* with beautiful bodies, but this is a remarkably sensitive

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GINA Pareño in a scene from "Kubrador"

Toronto . . .

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film. He draws a performance of inchoate longing from (Tyron) Perez, who plays Dwight as a man whose looks gain him everything but what he desires.

"The macho dancer story has become a small genre within Filipino cinema, with Chionglo at its forefront. His 'Midnight Dancers' and 'Burlesk King' took inspiration from Lino Brocka's 'Macho Dancer,' mining both the desperation and the unabashed sexuality of this world. With 'Twilight Dancers,' Chionglo once again finds an unexpectedly graceful balance between sober social drama and pure erotica."

E-mail the columnist at rvnepales_5585@yahoo.com.

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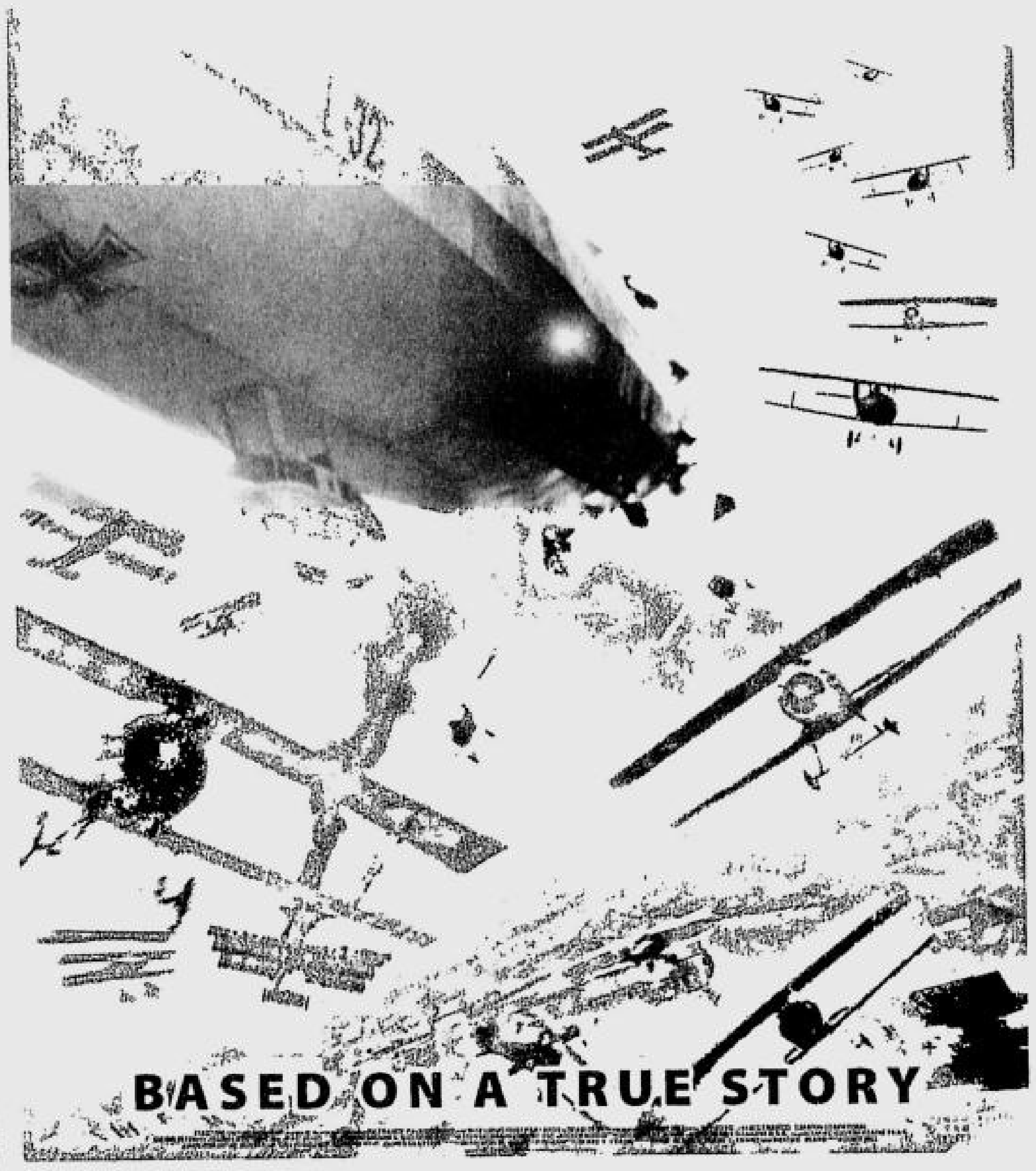
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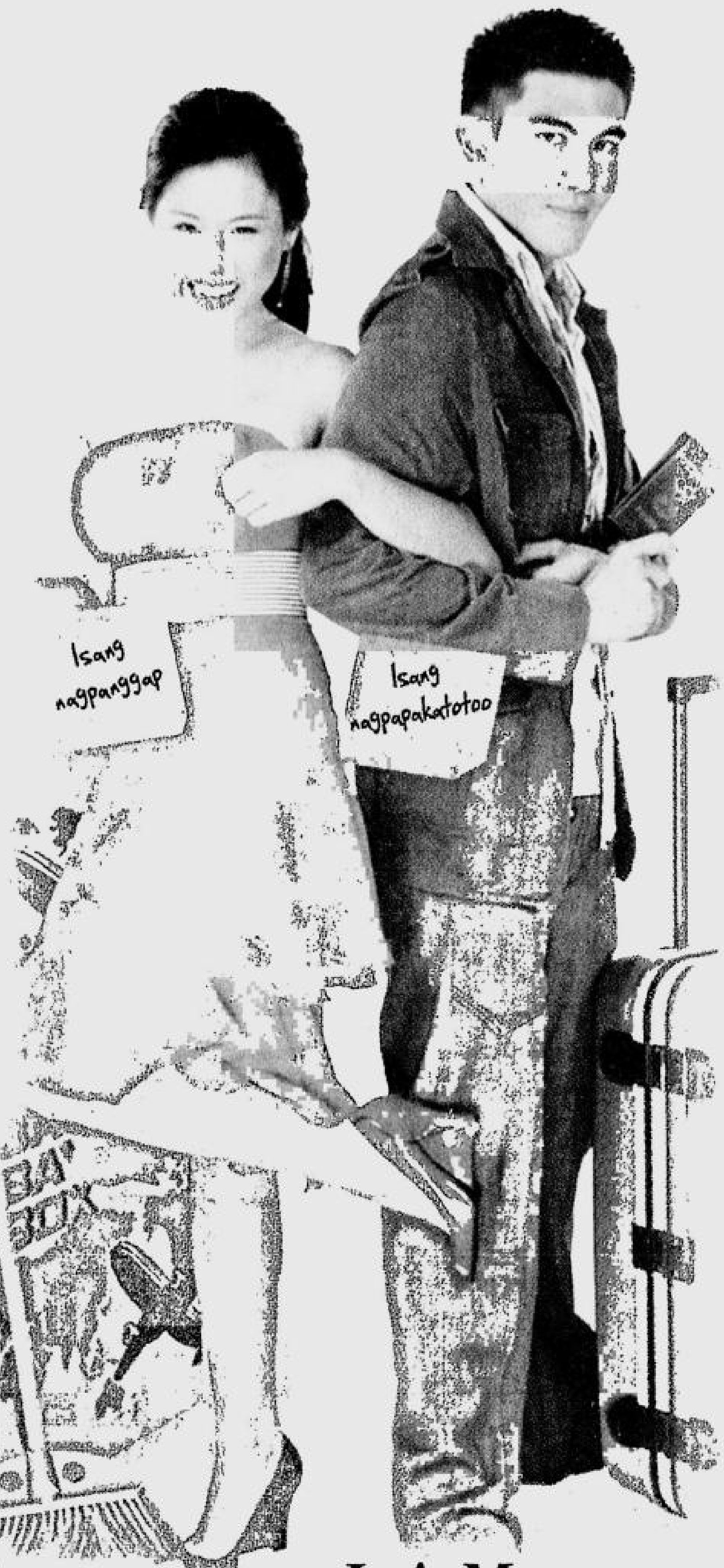
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41	T-339634	154	60.00	poorly maintained bungalow	Lot 51 Blk 3 Masunurin St., DDF Vil, Mandug, Davao City	147,100.00
42	T-289722	150	72.00	well maintained bungalow	#143 Yakal St., Lot 16, Blk 6, Nova Tierra Vil 3, Pampanga, Davao City	542,700.00
43	T-329281	200	103.90	fairly maintained bungalow	#70 Pisces St., Blk 3 Lot 4, Davao Housing Subd., Toril, Davao City	384,300.00
44	T-380400	173	60.00	poorly maintained bungalow	Maki-isa Extension, Blk 2, Lot 112, DDF Village, Mandug, Davao City	153,900.00
45	T-347096	185	48.32	poorly maintained bungalow	#18, Blk 11 Lot 9, L.S. Sarmiento Village, Panacan, Davao City	242,800.00
46	T-381640	234	60.00	fairly maintained bungalow	Lot 165 Blk 6 Lanzones St., DDF Vil., Mandug, Davao City	219,000.00
47	T-380401	211	60.00	poorly maintained bungalow	Lot 111 Blk 4 Mahogany St., DDF Vil., Mandug, Davao City	180,700.00
48	T-381641	196	60.00	poorly maintained bungalow	Lot 15 Blk 2 Maspag St., DDF Vil., Mandug, Davao City	191,600.00
49	T-381642	165	60.00	poorly maintained bungalow	Lot 102 Blk 3 Magalang St., DDF Vil., Mandug, Davao City	149,600.00
50	T-381645	198	60.00	poorly maintained bungalow	Lot 206 Blk 7 Ybañez Ave., DDF Vil., Mandug, Davao City	163,500.00
51	T-[illegible]5722	150	42.77	poorly maintained bungalow	#135 Jacinto St., Lot 10, Blk 11, Sto. Domingo Vill. 1, Pamp., Davao City	241,800.00
52	T-329253	150	47.19	poorly maintained bungalow	#125 Manga St., Lot 11, Blk 11, Sto. Domingo Vill. 1, Pamp., Davao City	315,700.00
53	T-346320	150	49.01	fairly maintained bungalow	#6 Sampaguita St., Landmark Subd. III, Sasa, Davao City	246,000.00
54	T-328359	192	96.67	fairly maintained bungalow	#108 Manga St.,L 3095-B-5-B-2-B-3,Donnasville Subd,Pamp,Davao City	436,900.00
55	T-385289	148	60.00	poorly maintained bungalow	Lot 32 Blk 3 Masunurin St., DDF Vil., Mandug, Davao City	130,700.00
56	T-381643	181	60.00	fairly maintained bungalow	Lot 45 Blk 2 Dolphin St., DDF Vil., Mandug, Davao City	189,700.00
57	T-346317	165	40.00	poorly maintained bungalow	Lot 44 Blk 3 Masunurin St., DDF Vil., Mandug, Davao City	168,900.00
58	T-352529	160	47.70	poorly maintained bungalow	#262 Pineapple St., Sto. Domingo Vill. 2, Sasa, Davao City	289,600.00
59	T-339987	240	40.00	poorly maintained bungalow	#470-A Lot 5 Blk 1 Pluto St., DDF Vil., Mandug, Davao City	175,400.00
60	T-340372	146	40.00	poorly maintained bungalow	Maki-isa St., Blk 3, Lot 4, DDF Village, Mandug, Davao City	116,300.00
61	T-340373	255	60.00	poorly maintained bungalow	#238 Quartz St., Blk 8, Lot 238, DDF Village, Mandug, Davao City	188,700.00
62	T-352532	200	43.50	fairly maintained bungalow	#65 Pisces St., Blk 2, Lot 11, Davao Housing Subd., Toril, Davao City	287,700.00
63	T-332533	150	50.44	fairly maintained bungalow	#248 Mayapis St. Lot 11, Blk 11,Nova Tierra Vill. 3, Pamp.,Davao City	368,500.00
64	T-342123	240	40.00	poorly maintained bungalow	#459-A Lot 6 Blk 4 Pluto St., DDF Vil., Mandug, Davao City	172,400.00
65	T-340376	198	60.00	poorly maintained bungalow	Ayala-Zobel Avenue, Blk 5, Lot 304, DDF Village, Mandug, Davao City	156,400.00
66	T-352535	198	60.00	poorly maintained bungalow	Aboitiz-Ybanez St., Blk 7, Lot 205, DDF Village, Mandug, Davao City	154,200.00
67	T-340379	215	60.00	poorly maintained bungalow	Jellyfish St., Blk 3, Lot 64, DDF Village, Mandug, Davao City	164,700.00
68	T-329267	456	42.00	poorly maintained bungalow	Lot 17, Capili Subdivision, Dumoy, Davao City	455,300.00
69	T-380402	210	60.00	poorly maintained bungalow	Lot 9 Blk 12 Abukay St., DDF Vil., Mandug, Davao City	178,600.00
70	T-340382	195	60.00	poorly maintained bungalow	Lot 11 Blk 2 Goldfish St., DDF Vil., Mandug, Davao City	158,400.00
71	T-352538	165	46.08	poorly maintained bungalow	Waterlily St., Lot 349-C-8-I-3 Sunnyville Subd., Talomo, Davao City	153,800.00
72	T-342119	234	60.00	fairly maintained bungalow	Lot 123 Blk 4 Aboitiz-Ayala Sts., DDF Vil., Mandug, Davao City	230,700.00
73	T-352540	202	60.00	poorly maintained bungalow	Ipil Ipil St., Blk 5, Lot 300, DDF Village, Mandug, Davao City	159,300.00
74	T-353719	187	60.00	poorly maintained bungalow	Maki-isa Extension, Blk 2, Lot 114, DDF Village, Mandug, Davao City	153,000.00
75	T-337433	150	58.10	well maintained bungalow	#277 Papaya St., Lot 7, Blk 7,Sto. Domingo Vill. 2, Sasa, Davao City	400,200.00
76	T-342108	187	60.00	poorly maintained bungalow	#226 Ruby St., Blk 8, Lot 226, DDF Village, Mandug, Davao City	148,400.00
77	T-342116	250	60.00	fairly maintained bungalow	Lot 24 Blk 4 Dagohoy St., DDF Vil., Mandug, Davao City	213,400.00
78	T-285758	150	77.43	fairly maintained bungalow	#448 Dalanghita St., Lot 8, Blk 4, Sto. Domingo Vill. II, Pamp.,Davao City	359,300.00
79	T-342115	216	60.00	poorly maintained bungalow	Lawaan St., Blk 4, Lot 125 DDF Village, Mandug, Davao City	164,500.00
80	T-352543	283	112.30	well maintained bungalow	Lot 10 Blk 2 Carnation St., Midland Subd., Ma-a, Davao City	749,800.00
81	T-352544	204	60.00	poorly maintained bungalow	Mansanas St., Blk 9, Lot 258, DDF Village,Mandug, Davao City	168,800.00
82	T-352545	208	60.00	poorly maintained bungalow	#576-A Lot 15 Blk 7 San Jose St., DDF Vil., Mandug, Davao City	180,100.00
83	T-342132	201	107.98	fairly maintained bungalow	Lot 16 Blk 2 Goldfish St., DDF Vill., Mandug, Davao City	293,200.00
PANABO CITY						
84	T-191426	250	46.95	poorly maintained bungalow	#7523 Lot 166-F-3 Gamao Subd., San Francisco, Panabo City	144,300.00
85	T-188933	262	48.00	poorly maintained bungalow	#5015/087 Yakal St., Lot 5-H, Lilia Homes, New Visayas, Panabo City	209,900.00
86	T-164166	245	69.48	fairly maintained bungalow	#7055 Lot 192-A-12 Glodo Subd., Poblacion, Panabo City	235,000.00
87	T-166240	246	38.40	fairly maintained bungalow	#5271 Lot 21 Blk 4, Andrea Subd., New Visayas, Panabo City	211,800.00
88	T-180013	220	42.20	poorly maintained bungalow	#6111 Lot 147-I-2-C Lozada Subd., Poblacion, Panabo City	199,200.00
89	T-165229	240	38.40	poorly maintained bungalow	#5255 Lot 16 Blk 6 Andrea Subd., New Visayas, Panabo City	144,000.00
90	T-164165	300	51.40	fairly maintained bungalow	#1416 Lot 278-G-7 Ybanez Subd., Poblacion Panabo City	283,400.00
91	T-188937	240	70.40	fairly maintained bungalow	#134 Lot 5, Blk 3, Andrea Homes, New Visayas, Panabo City	250,700.00
92	T-171952	252	56.10	poorly maintained bungalow	#7097 Lot 6, Blk 2, Liceralde Subd., Poblacion Panabo City	241,800.00
93	T-164410	228	52.57	poorly maintained bungalow	#078 Lot 15, Blk 5 Evelyn Subd., New Visayas, Panabo City	204,000.00
94	T-159443	252	85.08	poorly maintained bungalow	#5254 Lot 8 Blk 7 Andrea Subd., New Visayas, Panabo City	261,100.00
95	T-159442	219	88.03	poorly maintained bungalow	#5116/012 Narra St., Lot 5, Lilia Homes, New Visayas, Panabo City	231,100.00
96	T-188924	250	67.25	fairly maintained bungalow	#7705 Lot 2, Blk 3 Gamao Subd., San Francisco, Panabo City	244,800.00
97	T-164403	300	47.80	fairly maintained bungalow	#2195 Lot 6204-Q-4 Pelpinosas Subd., San Vicente, Panabo City	283,700.00
98	T-188932	221	43.80	poorly maintained bungalow	#698 Lot 152-H-6-D San Antonio Subd., New Visayas, Panabo City	160,300.00
99	T-164182	216	69.14	fairly maintained bungalow	#1859 Lot 324-F-11-H Medalla Subd., Cagangohan, Panabo City	233,800.00
100	T-164406	140	32.50	poorly maintained bungalow	#7678 Lot 165-K-1-L Gamao Subd., Panabo City	83,700.00
101	T-164164	222	46.71	poorly maintained bungalow	#6869 Lot 7, Blk 4, Arguelles Subd., New Visayas, Panabo City	184,400.00
102	T-188935	300	82.08	poorly maintained bungalow	#2220 Lot 6204-E, Pelpinosas, Subd., San Vicente, Panabo City	271,800.00
103	T-165357	218	47.46	fairly maintained bungalow	#6863 Lot 1 Blk 3 Arguelles Subd., New Visayas, Panabo City	163,700.00
104	T-165361	296	82.25	fairly maintained bungalow	#5049/003 Lot 31-K-3 Quilsadio Subd., New Visayas, Panabo City	240,000.00
105	T-165414	210	46.20	poorly maintained bungalow	#7774 Lot 4, Blk 12, Gamao Subd., Ph 5, San Francisco, Panabo City	152,900.00
106	T-175100	240	38.40	poorly maintained bungalow	#5274/026 Lot 18, Blk 7, Andrea Homes, New Visayas, Panabo City	179,500.00
107	T-180016	242	46.00	poorly maintained bungalow	#5376 Lot 16, Blk 5, Rule Homes, New Visayas, Panabo City	149,400.00
108	T-188923	240	68.70	poorly maintained bungalow	#6356 Lot 205-A-1-E Holleña Subd., Poblacion, Panabo City	212,800.00
109	T-170046	251	36.00	poorly maintained bungalow	#5260 Lot 11 Blk 7 Andrea Subd., New Visayas, Panabo City	158,000.00
110	T-188929	240	48.00	fairly maintained bungalow	#5145/046 Lot 6 Blk 6 Quilsadio Subd., New Visayas, Panabo City	197,900.00
111	T-188938	241	68.83	poorly maintained bungalow	#5391 Lot 6 Blk 1 Rule Homes, New Visayas, Panabo City	214,400.00
112	T-174755	195	47.40	poorly maintained bungalow	#019 Lot 9, Blk 4, Evelyn Subd., New Visayas, Panabo City	161,500.00
113	T-180018	207	54.20	poorly maintained bungalow	#685 Purok Radish, San Antonio Subd., New Visayas, Panabo City	167,600.00
114	T-174759	314	60.00	poorly maintained bungalow	#027 Lot 2, Blk 3, Quilsadio Subd, New Visayas, Panabo City	239,700.00
115	T-174761	250	80.25	poorly maintained bungalow	#7611 Lot 165-L-2-E, Gamao Subd., Panabo City	203,200.00
116	T-174756	176	77.04	poorly maintained bungalow	#2629 Lot 6077-E-2 Rosal Subd., San Vicente, Panabo City	323,200.00
117	T-174757	199	47.40	poorly maintained bungalow	#010 Lot 2, Blk 8, Evelyn Subd., New Visayas, Panabo City	175,300.00
118	T-164408	251	47.70	poorly maintained bungalow	#041 Lot 6, Blk 2, Evelyn Subd., New Visayas, Panabo City	186,400.00
119	T-1747636	222	45.00	fairly maintained bungalow	#5072/046 Mahogany St., Lot 3-A, Lilia Homes, New Visayas, Panabo City	196,600.00
120	T-174762	207	47.70	poorly maintained bungalow	#036 Lot 1, Blk 9, Evelyn Subd., New Visayas, Panabo City	182,300.00
121	T-164409	250	63.35	poorly maintained bungalow	#2458 Lot 260-C Silvosa Cmpd., Sto. Niño, Panabo City	449,200.00
122	T-169501	192	37.40	fairly maintained bungalow	Lot 6077-G-9 Rosal Subd., San Vicente, Panabo City	188,400.00
123	T-180009	220	45.00	poorly maintained bungalow	#5097/029 Narra St., Lot 42, Lilia Homes, New Visayas, Panabo City	165,600.00
124	T-180019	301	42.00	poorly maintained bungalow	#2677 Lot 4-I Lorsing Subd., San Vicente, Panabo City	188,800.00
125	T-191430	153	42.00	poorly maintained bungalow	#7789 Lot 1 Blk.13, Gamao Subd., San Francisco, Panabo City	111,100.00
126	T-191431	299	42.15	poorly maintained bungalow	#5984 Lot 157-A-11 Ycoy Subd., New Visayas, Panabo City	136,900.00
127	T-191429	217	51.00	poorly maintained bungalow	#089 Lot 10, Blk 2, Evelyn Subd., New Visayas, Panabo City	184,200.00
128	T-191424	259	54.49	poorly maintained bungalow	#5170 Lot 11 Blk 5 Quilsadio Subd., New Visayas, Panabo City	188,800.00
129	T-191371	240	38.40	poorly maintained bungalow	#5259 Lot 12 Blk 6 Andrea Subd., New Visayas, Panabo City	181,100.00
130	T-191423	200	77.10	well maintained bungalow	#6903 Lot 6 Arguelles Subd., New Visayas, Panabo City	460,600.00
131	T-193547	222	82.68	fairly maintained bungalow	#6865 Lot 4, Blk 3 Arguelles Subd., New Visayas, Panabo City	261,700.00
132	T-193552	270	46.00	poorly maintained bungalow	#5446/033 Lot 6,Block 5 Rule Homes, New Visayas, Panabo City	158,000.00
133	T-169500	256	50.79	poorly maintained bungalow	#5415 Lot 2, Blk 6, Rule Homes, New Visayas, Panabo City	174,800.00
134	T-193550	240	54.05	fairly maintained bungalow	#5270 Lot 16, Blk 7, Andrea Homes, New Visayas, Panabo City	230,200.00
135	T-193507	250	76.60	fairly maintained bungalow	#7511 Lot 166-G-6 Gamao Subd., San Francisco, Panabo City	251,300.00
136	T-193508	300	73.36	poorly maintained bungalow	#5326/133 Lot 31-E-1-H Quilsadio Subd, New Visayas, Panabo City	261,400.00
137	T-194095	240	46.71	poorly maintained bungalow	#1870 Lot 324-F-6 Medalla Subd., Cagangohan, Panabo City	189,600.00
138	T-193548	250	39.60	poorly maintained bungalow	#029 Lot 3, Blk 7, Quilsadio Subd., New Visayas, Panabo City	156,100.00
139	T-193506	280	52.23	poorly maintained bungalow	#7651 Lot 165-H-3 Gamao Subd., San Francisco, Panabo City	159,200.00
140	T-193549	240	38.40	poorly maintained bungalow	#5327 Lot 11, Blk 4, Andrea Homes, New Visayas, Panabo City	154,100.00
141	T-191427	300	94.86	well maintained bungalow	#2445 Lot 9 Velasquez Subd., San Vicente, Panabo City	503,600.00
142	T-191425	196	43.80	poorly maintained bungalow	#6095 Lot 147-I-5-D Lozada Subd.,Poblacion, Panabo City	169,600.00
143	T-191432	305	80.61	well maintained bungalow	#6372 Lot 205-A-1-A-1-C Holleña Subd., Poblacion, Panabo City	447,300.00
144	T-191364	220	64.27	fairly maintained bungalow	#024 Narra St., Lot 33, Lilia Homes, New Visayas, Panabo City	255,700.00
145	T-188934	220	66.45	fairly maintained bungalow	#5102/014 Narra St., Lot 12, Lilia Homes, New Visayas, Panabo City	266,700.00
146	T-191369	216	47.40	poorly maintained bungalow	#079 Lot 15, Blk 2, Evelyn Subd., New Visayas, Panabo City	180,500.00
147	T-191367	200	50.20	poorly maintained bungalow	#6899 Lot 2, Arguelles Subd., New Visayas, Panabo City	154,900.00
148	T-161585	250	48.64	poorly maintained bungalow	#2700 Lot 11 Blk 3, Silvosa Cpd., San Vicente, Panabo City	169,800.00
149	T-169274	243	60.75	poorly maintained bungalow	#7056 Lot 192-A-13 Glodo Subd., Poblacion, Panabo City	222,200.00
150	T-193515	300	59.10	fairly maintained bungalow	Lot 31-E-2-B Quilsadio Subd., New Visayas, Panabo City	227,800.00
151	T-159445	300	105.76	poorly maint.split-level bung.	#2546 Lot 28 Tadeco Vill., San Vicente, Panabo City	221,300.00
152	T-193505	251	46.20	poorly maintained bungalow	#7644 Lot 165-J-2 Gamao Subd., San Francisco, Panabo City	140,100.00
153	T-195397	200	39.90	poorly maintained bungalow	#6900 Lot 3, Arguelles Subd., New Visayas, Panabo City	132,400.00
154	T-195402	216	46.71	poorly maintained bungalow	#6892 Lot 4, Blk 6 Arguelles Subd., New Visayas, Panabo City	151,000.00
155	T-195401	240	41.48	poorly maintained bungalow	#5320/080 Lot 7 Blk 2 Andrea Homes, New Visayas, Panabo City	191,700.00
156	T-195403	254	48.60	poorly maintained bungalow	#6896 Lot 2, Blk 7 Arguelles Subd., New Visayas, Panabo City	169,000.00
157	T-195404	211	49.65	poorly maintained bungalow	#6068 Lot 6-E, JC Homes, New Visayas, Panabo City	221,600.00
158	T-195400	240	40.80	poorly maintained bungalow	#131 Lot 16 Blk 4 Andrea Homes, New Visayas, Panabo City	173,800.00
159	T-195405	263	48.00	poorly maintained bungalow	#5013/086 Lot 5-G, Lilia Homes, New Visayas, Panabo City	184,900.00
160	T-164191	251	46.00	poorly maintained bungalow	#5397/061 Lot 2 Blk 3 Rule Homes, New Visayas, Panabo City	162,000.00
161	T-170059	270	37.00	poorly maintained bungalow	#5440/039 Lot 3, Blk 5, Rule Homes, New Visayas, Panabo City	152,800.00
162	T-142154	300	44.80	fairly maintained bungalow	#2219 Lot 6204-D Pelpinosas Subd., San Vicente, Panabo City	244,600.00
163	T-161594	219	45.00	poorly maintained bungalow	#5120/014 Narra St., Lot 5, Lilia Homes, New Visayas, Panabo City	171,000.00
164	T-170978	240	46.64	fairly maintained bungalow	#5378 Lot 15, Blk 5, Rule Homes, New Visayas, Panabo City	341,100.00
165	T-172204	207	66.07	fairly maintained bungalow	#012 Lot 4, Blk 8 Evelyn Subd., New Visayas, Panabo City	231,900.00
166	T-135522	293	55.20	poorly maintained bungalow	#1882 Lot 325-K-6-D-2 Rempohito Subd., New Pandan, Panabo City	245,100.00
167	T-194099	240	63.22	fairly maintained bungalow	#1857 Lot 324-F-12-F Medalla Subd., Cagangohan, Panabo City	238,500.00
168	T-170979	240	40.80	fairly maintained bungalow	#5331/108 Lot 19 Blk 4 Andrea Subd., New Visayas, Panabo City	178,900.00
169	T-171974	217	102.56	fairly maintained bungalow	#2464 Lot 260-D-4 Silvosa Cpd.,Sto. Niño, Panabo City	339,400.00
170	T-179431	336	93.74	fairly maintained bungalow	#5024 Lot 44 Lilia Homes, New Visayas, Panabo City	324,700.00
171	T-179430	227	56.60	fairly maintained bungalow	#6886 Lot 9, Blk 5, Arguelles Subd., New Visayas, Panabo City	224,000.00
172	T-157707	218	53.25	poorly maintained bungalow	#6872 Lot 1, Blk 4, Arguelles Subd., New Visayas, Panabo City	220,700.00
173	T-171973	259	55.54	poorly maintained bungalow	#5408/073 Lot 7 Blk 2 Rule Homes, New Visayas, Panabo City	180,600.00
174	T-172115	240	34.90	poorly maintained bungalow	#5395/024 Lot 2 Blk 1 Rule Homes, New Visayas, Panabo City	145,600.00
175	T-171978	200	42.60	fairly maintained bungalow	#6905 Lot 3 Arguelles Subd., New Visayas, Panabo City	150,500.00
176	T-161591	140	42.84	burned duplex type bungalow	#7780 Lot 165-k-1-I, Duplex, Gamao Subd, San Francisco, Panabo City	64,800.00
177	T-161588	252	59.70	poorly maintained bungalow	#7043 Lot 192-A-5 Glodo Subd., Poblacion, Panabo City	218,200.00
178	T-171943	250	45.00	poorly maintained bungalow	#7583 Lot 165-B-2 Gamao Subd., San Francisco, Panabo City	139,600.00
179	T-172212	240	61.00	poorly maintained bungalow	#2225 Lot 6204-P-2-N Pelpinosas Subd., San Vicente, Panabo City	205,500.00
180	T-171971	240	39.11	poorly maintained bungalow	#5393 Lot 4 Blk 1 Rule Homes, New Visayas, Panabo City	168,600.00
181	T-171975	256	94.90	fairly maintained bungalow	#5416 Lot 4 Blk 6, Rule Homes, New Visayas, Davao City	309,800.00
182	T-164935	242	46.80	poorly maintained bungalow	#2208 Lot 6204-P-2-U Pelpinosas Subd., San Vicente, Panabo City	174,600.00
183	T-170058	218	95.46	fairly maintained bungalow	#1860 Lot 324-F-12-I Medalla Subd., Cagangohan, Panabo City	297,500.00
184	T-172214	262	45.36	poorly maintained bungalow	#5454/025 Lot 1, Blk 4, Rule Homes, New Visayas, Panabo City	223,000.00
185	T-172210	220	48.00	fairly maintained bungalow	#5018/089 Lot 6-B Lilia Homes, New Visayas, Panabo City	189,500.00
186	T-194098	253	63.99	fairly maintained bungalow	#1854 Lot 324-F-12-D Medalla Subd., Cagangohan, Panabo City	275,600.00
187	T-172211	220	45.00	poorly maintained bungalow	#5105/025 Lot 34 Lilia Homes Subd., New Visayas, Panabo City	180,600.00
188	T-171928	235	76.80	well maintained bungalow	Lot 5, Blk 2 Liceralde Subd., Poblacion Panabo City	496,900.00
189	T-171977	250	64.39	fairly maintained bungalow	#34 Lot 6 Blk 7 Quilsadio Subd., New Visayas, Panabo City	283,600.00
190	T-135281	300	59.84	fairly maintained bungalow	#2198 Lot 6204-Q-8 Pelpinosas Subd., San Vicente, Panabo City	234,800.00
TAGUM CITY						
191	T-165234	240	58.50	poorly maintained bungalow	Lot 6905-G-7, 019 Purok Saging, Visayan Village, Tagum City	306,300.00
192	T-164199	158	53.79	poorly maintained bungalow	#878 Lot D-7-C-5-F-6 Union Village, Mankilam, Tagum City	192,800.00
193	T-171970	180	58.18	poorly maintained bungalow	#768 Lot D-7-C-5-B-14 Union Village, Mankilam, Tagum City	190,100.00
194	T-188928	180	46.80	poorly maintained bungalow	#1004 Lot 10, Blk 1, Union Village, Mankilam Tagum City	180,700.00
195	T-165363	199	45.18	poorly maintained bungalow	#951 Lot 20, Blk 4 Union Village, Ph 2, Zone 5, Mankilam, Tagum City	215,700.00
196	T-169498	180	53.79	poorly maintained bungalow	#826 Lot 5, Blk 9 Union Village, Mankilam, Tagum City	213,900.00
197	T-188927	180	53.48	fairly maintained bungalow	Lot 19 Blk 2 Venus St., Mel Village, Tagum City	293,000.00
198	T-169499	180	56.73	fairly maintained bungalow	#958 Lot 4, Blk 4 Union Village, Mankilam, Tagum City	256,000.00
199	T-191360	180	83.54	fairly maintained bungalow	#757 Lot D-7-C-5-B-3 Union Village, Ph 1, Mankilam, Tagum City	235,000.00
200	T-169289	180	46.40	deteriorated bungalow	Lot 8 Blk 3 Mel Village, Tagum City	200,800.00
201	T-164198	264	68.55	fairly maintained bungalow	#031 Lot 1023-C-1-B-3 Pioneer St., Mancidor Subd., Tipaz Dist., Tagum	327,100.00
202	T-161669	180	45.18	poorly maintained bungalow	#767 Lot D-7-C-5-B-13 Union Village, Ph 1, Mankilam, Tagum City	164,000.00
203	T-180008	180	53.48	poorly maintained bungalow	Lot 21 Blk 10 Mel Vil., Visayan Vil., Tagum City	255,100.00
204	T-165410	149	46.00	poorly maintained bungalow	#1182 Sison Ave., Lot 65 Sison Subd., Tagum City	222,100.00
205	T-179731	208	55.33	poorly maintained bungalow	#3113/1323 Cor. Diamond-Opal Sts., Lot 78, Sison, Tagum City	264,500.00
206	T-169950	198	53.05	poorly maintained bungalow	#795 Lot 5, Block 11, Union Village, Mankilam, Tagum City	214,700.00
207	T-169667	200	97.34	fairly maintained bungalow	#763 Lot D-7-C-5-B-9 Union Village, Ph 1, Mankilam, Tagum City	265,700.00
208	T-161692	358	47.28	poorly maintained bungalow	#019 Lot 1023-C-6-A-8 Pioneer St., Mencidor Subd., Tipaz, Tagum	370,000.00
209	T-178667	180	60.93	deteriorated bungalow	#775 Lot 4, Blk 10, Union Village, Mankilam, Tagum City	189,800.00
210	T-169987	180	49.80	poorly maintained bungalow	#913 Lot 4, Blk 8, Union Village, Mankilam, Tagum City	190,900.00
211	T-161596	180	60.93	poorly maintained bungalow	#770 Lot D-7-C-5-B-16 Union Village, Mankilam, Tagum City	176,300.00
212	T-171981	180	48.43	fairly maintained bungalow	#994 Lot 13, Blk 2 Union Village, Mankilam, Tagum City	204,600.00
213	T-171980	180	47.40	poorly maintained bungalow	Lot 9 Blk 4 Mel Vill., Visayan Vill., Tagum city	241,400.00
214	T-180011	180	48.30	poorly maintained bungalow	#1016 Lot 3, Blk 5 Union Village, Mankilam, Tagum City	215,600.00
215	T-161698	180	57.78	poorly maintained bungalow	#952 Lot 19 Blk 4 Union Village, Mankilam, Tagum City	196,800.00
216	T-171979	156	49.80	fairly maintained bungalow	Lot 9, Blk 3, Union Village, Mankilam, Tagum City	193,300.00
BISLIG CITY						
217	T-4889	484	55.50	not habitable/for construction	Lot 20 Forest Drive Subd., Sta. Cruz, Bislig City	232,000.00
GENERAL SANTOS CITY						
218	T-105943	180	41.76	poorly maintained bungalow	Lot 3 Blk 3 Malayang Nayon Subd., San Isidro, Gen. Santos City	98,100.00
219	T-105942	531	53.20	deteriorated bungalow	Lot 57-G-7 Lansang Vil., Apopong, Gen. Santos City	351,600.00
220	T-105945	180	61.35	poorly maintained bungalow	Lot 12 Blk 7 Toledo Homes, Lagao, Gen. Santos City	321,100.00
221	T-105944	180	64.96	fairly maintained bungalow	Lot 3 Blk 12 Toledo Homes, Lagao, Gen. Santos City	371,400.00

Complete description of the properties including Bidding Forms and Instruction to Bidders are available at the Housing and Asset Management Section, 2nd Floor, SSS Building, J. P. Laurel Avenue, Bajada, Davao City. Please contact Mrs. Rosalinda T. Ongkiko at Tel. Nos. 221-3493 / 221-3575 / 221-3536 Locals 207, 209 and 210.

Sealed bids should be dropped at the Bid Box located at the Lobby, 2nd Floor, SSS Building, J. P. Laurel Avenue, Bajada, Davao City from 8:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. on 03 October 2006. The bids should be addressed to Acquired Assets Disposal Committee, Social Security System, East Avenue, Quezon City.

Bidder's Deposit, equivalent to at least 30% (if bidder is the former owner, their spouse, parents or children) or 10% (if bidder does not fall on the preceding category) of the bid price in cash (Philippine money/U.S. dollars) or in Certified Manager's Check in favor of SSS, must be enclosed with sealed envelope. Any other form or draft purportedly as manner of payment is not acceptable. The bidder must also sign the sealed envelop across its flap. A sealed bid without the bidder's bond will not be entertained.

The award shall be made to the bidder who makes the most advantageous offer to the SSS. As a rule, cash bids shall be preferred over installment bids. An installment bid shall, however be considered as more advantageous if the installment bid is greater by at least 20% over a cash bid. In case of installment bids, the bid with the shortest payment period shall be preferred unless the difference in the bids is greater by at least 20%. In which case the bid with the longer payment period shall be considered more advantageous to the SSS.

The sale of the properties shall be "As Is, Where Is". The winning bidder shall undertake the responsibility to acquire and maintain peaceful possession and enjoyment of the property without seeking the assistance of the SSS.

After deducting the bid deposit from the Bid Price, the balance shall be payable either in cash within 30 days or amortized up to a maximum of 120 months at prevailing interest rate. If bidder opts to amortize, proof of income (ITR, business permit or Certificate of Employment and Compensation) shall be among the documents for submission on bidding date. Upon approval of the sale, the buyer shall issue twelve (12) PDCs covering the first year of amortization and the same number of checks for each succeeding year until fully paid. Actual expenses or advances made by SSS for foreclosure and consolidation of title shall be added to purchase price of the former owner or his successor-in-interest should the fair market value is less than the consolidated value of the property.

The System reserves the right to reject any or all bids, or to waive defect found therein.

All awards shall be subject to the approval of SSS President & CEO and confirmation of the Social Security Commission whose decision shall be final and binding on all concerned.

(Sgd.) AVP MARIANO PABLO S. TOLENTINO
Chairperson, Acquired Assets Disposal Committee

(PDI - Sept. 10, 2006)

Bongolan NREA anniversary guest

GONZALO BENJAMIN A. Bongolan, president of Home Guaranty Corp. (HGC) will be special guest and speaker during the 15th anniversary celebration of the National Real Estate Association, Inc. (NREA), the one-stop trade organization of the industry.

This was announced by organizationman Jose V. Manalad, NREA president & founder, who said that the affair will also be an appreciation party for the sponsors, donors, exhibitors and the workers of the recently concluded NREA 11th National Convention and Exhibition held at SM Megatrade in Mandaluyong City.

It will also be in observance of the Urban Development Week under Proclamation No. 257 by President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo dated Sept. 16, 2002, Manalad added.

New members will also be inducted during the affair.

To ensure the success of this multi-event, the following members are incharge of the preparations: Rey Carpio, Andy Mañalac, Bon Baylon, Frank Mendoza, Jesse Rebustillo, Lou Ferrer, Axel Aguirre, Nene Estrada, Sonia Ama, Eulogio Malicse, Roy Beating, Jun Gultiano, Mayet Alis, Gemma Piedad and the Secretariat.

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Let's Study in Japan

Japanese Grant Aid for Human Resource Development Scholarship (JDS) in the Republic of the Philippines 2007-2008

The Government of the Republic of the Philippines has started the implementation of the Japanese Grant Aid for Human Resource Development Scholarship (JDS) through the assistance of the Government of Japan for Japanese Fiscal Year 2002.

The objective of the JDS Project is to provide Philippine nationals with opportunities for obtaining master's degree at the Japanese universities in order to support human resource development policy of the Government of the Philippines, and eventually to extend and strengthen the bilateral relationship between the Philippines and Japan.

The JDS Project targets young people in public sector who are expected to play leadership roles in the Philippines and people in private sector who are expected to contribute to the development of the Philippines market economy.

Degree to be obtained and Field of Study

1. Degree: Master's Degree (2-2.5 years courses)
2. Field of Study (number of scholars to be accepted)
   2-1. *(for public sector)*
   -Public Administration (10 persons)
   -Economics (8 persons)
   -Information and Communication Technology (3 persons)
   -Business Administration (2 persons)
   2-2. *(for public and private sectors)*
   -Business Administration (2 persons)
3. Language of Instruction: predominantly English

Common Agenda for Each Field of Study:

For JDS project in the Philippines, the "Common Agenda" has been settled for each field as follows:

Public Administration
- Building Institutional Capacity for Better Governance
- Advancing Decentralization and Regional Development

Economics
- Ensuring Balanced and Stable Fiscal Management
- Promotion of Sound Market and Industries

Information and Communication Technology
- ICT Policy to Create Wider and Advanced Usage

Business Administration
- Providing Sound and Attractive Business Environment

Allowances for JDS applicants and fellows:

1) Testing fee for IELTS and limited medical examination Fees.
2) Limited transportation and accommodation allowances for selection stages.
3) Limited transportation and accommodation allowance during pre-departure orientation including full-time Japanese language training in Manila for 2 months from April 2007.

Application

-Application Documents are distributed at
-JICE JDS Project Office, or
-Can be downloaded at http://sv2.jice.org/jds/
(website will be available from 21st August)

Qualification Requirements:

1) A Filipino Citizen
2) Below 40 years old as of April 1, 2007.
(Those who were born on/after April 2nd 1967)
3) Civilian Employee
4) Bachelor's degree relevant to the target fields except for ICT field, which applicants should have bachelor's degree in ICT or equivalent is required
5) Has not been awarded foreign scholarship for Master's degree
6) Currently employed with at least 2 years working experience at the time of nomination
7) Has a performance rating of at least "very satisfactory" at the time of application

Selection Procedures

-First Selection:
Documentation Screening by accepting Universities
-SCS Interview
-Second Selection:
English Examination(IELTS), Basic Math Test
-Third Selection
Technical Interview by professors of the accepting universities
-Fourth Selection
Comprehensive Interview by O/C members

Deadline for Application

Not later than 16:30hrs on October 25, 2006

Late submission and incomplete application documents shall not be accepted.

Where to submit

Application forms and required documents must be submitted either personally, by mail, or courier to JICE JDS Project Office.

For further information, inquire from:

JICE JDS Project Office in the Philippines

(Mon to Fri, 09:00 to 12:00, 13:30 to 16:30)
Unit 2-F1, Island Plaza Salcedo, L.P. Leviste Street,
Salcedo Village, Makati City, Philippines
*TEL: 02-7533261
*Official Web Site: http://sv2.jice.org/jds/

Executing Agency

-- National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA- Scholarship Affairs Secretariat)

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
NATIONAL HOME MORTGAGE FINANCE CORPORATION
LIST OF COMMUNITY MORTGAGE PROGRAM FORECLOSED PROPERTIES
FOR PUBLIC BIDDING

INVITATION TO PREQUALIFY & BID

Interested parties are invited to submit sealed bids for the purchase of foreclosed property/ies listed below to be opened publicly at 10:00 a.m. on October 6, 2006 at the NHMFC Head Office, 5th Floor Filomena Building III, 104 Amorsolo Street, Legaspi Village, Makati City.

REF NO.	PROPERTY/LOCATION	GROSS AREA (In SQM)	NO. OF LOTS/ UNITS	MINIMUM BID PRICE
01	ALYANSANG MARALITANG ASOSASYON AT KAPATIRANG ORGANISASYON (AMAKO) Brgy. Sta. Catalina, Angeles City, Pampanga	735,565	2,648	P61,787,460.00
02	WORKERS' EMPLOYEES ASSN. OF OLONGAPO CITY (WEA) Brgy. Mapanao, Subic, Zambales	141,600	853	35,491,905.00
03	BUHANGIN RESIDENTS & EMPLOYEES ASSOC. (BREAD) Buhangin District Davao City	60,475	234	16,549,400.00
04	IMMACULATE CONCEPCION VILLAGE SETTLERS ASSN. INC Bo. Agdao Beach, Davao City	13,000	106	6,656,000.00
05	MAMAMAYANG TAGAPAGTAGUYOD TAHANANG GABAY SA KAUNLARAN, Bo. Dicarma, Cabanatuan City, Nueva Ecija	24,275	287	37,019,375.00
06	KAPITBAHAYAN SA BALANGA HOA, INC., Brgy. Munting Batangas, Balanga, Bataan	44,892	293	45,789,840.00
07	NAGKAKAISANG MAMAMAYAN NG BALANGA BATAAN Brgy. Tuya, Balanga, Bataan	50,499	281	22,724,550.00

A pre-bid conference shall be conducted by the Acquired Assets Bids and Awards Committee (AABAC) on September 13, 2006, from 9:00 to 11:00 AM. A non-refundable registration fee of P1,000.00 shall be charged to interested bidders.

Interested buyers are required to inspect the property/ies prior to bidding NHMFC shall not entertain agents and brokers under the program.

NHMFC reserves the right to reject any or all bids or part thereof, waive any informality and deficiency therein, and award or accept bid/s as maybe considered most advantageous to the Corporation.

For further information and/or inquiries, please contact Acquired Assets Department c/o Mr. Jose T. Vega or Ms. Conchita R. Penus at telephone nos. 893-1501 local 339 and 303.

(Sgd.) **ATTY. RUSTICO P. CACAL**
AABAC Chairman

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or E-mail to **jdbec_inc@yahoo.com**

FISH ARTS AND CRAFTS DAY

Friends In the Same Hobby (FISH), along with Shangri-La Plaza, is inviting all kids to join the fun on Sept. 9 and 10 at the Grand Atrium of Shangri-La Plaza. Sept. 9 (2 pm-6 pm) is an arts and crafts day with pentel. The activities included are fish origami, fish mosaic in clay, fish clay modeling and fish drawing contest. It's an afternoon of fun starting 4 pm on Sept. 10! Witness cool science experiments with the mad scientists from Mad Science. Experience fun games and wholesome entertainment. Plus get a chance to win free tickets to Trumpet's "Joseph the Dreamer", day pass tickets to Enchanted Kingdom and other exciting prizes when you come in your cute costume! These activities will be held in conjunction with "Aquarists Reunited Tropical Fish Exhibit and Competition". For more details, call us at 0917-8FISHER; or visit www.fishinc.net.

BI SP

INVITATION TO BID

Information Technology Equipment – Batch 2

The Belgian Integrated Agrarian Reform Programme (BIARSP) is a bilateral development programme between the Governments of the Philippines and Belgium. Its aim is to assist the Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) to successfully complete the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program (CARP).

BIARSP is currently on its third and final phase of implementation. BIARSP is regarded as one of the most important programmes for agrarian reform. It is highly regarded for its integrated approach covering not only agricultural support services but also education, public health and institutional capacity building.

To further strengthen the programme's implementation, BIARSP supports its lead partner agency, the DAR, in upgrading its field offices to provide a conducive working environment for its staff in order to have an efficient delivery of service. BIARSP will purchase computer sets, laptops, printers, scanners, software, binding machines, LCD projectors, projector screens, digital camera, fax machines, flash drives among others, for its lead implementing agency, the Department of Agrarian Reform

The BIARSP-Technical Support and Coordination Office (TSCO) therefore invites eligible companies to bid for the above-mentioned equipment in full or in batches. The equipment shall be delivered to one or more of the four (4) provinces of Region VII and one or more of the four (4) provinces of Region IX.

Interested parties are invited to visit **www.biarsptsco.org** (OPPORTUNITIES – Tenders) for the detailed list of office equipment to be purchased, specifications as well as delivery destinations for the said equipment. Please submit proposed technical document with information such as company profile, proposed budgetary requirements, description/experience of similar assignments through any of the following:

E-mail: tsco@biarsptsco.org
Post: BIARSP – TSCO, 2nd Floor Sol Y Mar Bldg.,
Cor. Rizal Blvd. – San Juan Street,
Dumaguete City, Negros Oriental
Fax: (035) 422-7736

For further queries, please get in touch with Mary Marlyn C. Llosa, Administrative Officer, at tel. #s: (035) 225-5929; 225-5930; 225-8681; and 422-7459.

Interested parties are advised to submit their bids and related documents not later than **October 14, 2006.**

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DBP Development Bank of the Philippines

INVITATION TO BID

The **DEVELOPMENT BANK OF THE PHILIPPINES** invites bids and offers to buy its various old/ unneeded properties, to wit:

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One (1) unit –	TOYOTA Land Cruiser, Model 1982, Plate No. SBC-892	28,000.00
One (1) unit –	4-D Sedan Car, LANCER GLI, Model 1993, Plate No. SDX-405	105,000.00
One (1) unit –	2000 Ford Expedition XLT AT, Plate No. MCR-105	500,000.00
One (1) unit –	TATA Armored Truck, Model 1992, Plate No. SEG-776	56,000.00
One (1) lot –	Defective Personal Computers, various models (211 units)	105,500.00
One (1) lot –	Defective Telephones, various models (approx. 525 units)	15,800.00
One (1) lot –	Old/Unused Transportation Equipment Spare Parts (Stock Items)	23,100.00
One (1) lot –	Old/Unused Ladies Uniform Materials, about 350 sets of blouse and skirts	47,300.00
One (1) lot –	Old/Unneeded Firearms, assorted brands/calibers	649,500.00

The above properties are available for inspection at DBP Head Office and DBP Doña Severina Warehouse, Km. 16, Severina Industrial Estate, South Superhighway, Parañaque City from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Details, Bidding Rules and Bid Forms are available from the following:

MR. A. B. BAUTISTA
Tel. No. 818-9511
Local – 2000/2001

MR. C. S. GATDULA
Tel. No. 818-9511
Local – 2000/2001

Submission of sealed bids will be on September 26, 2006, 10:00 a.m., Property Management Unit, Property & Security Management, 6th floor, DBP Building, Sen. Gil J. Puyat cor. Makati Avenue, Makati City.

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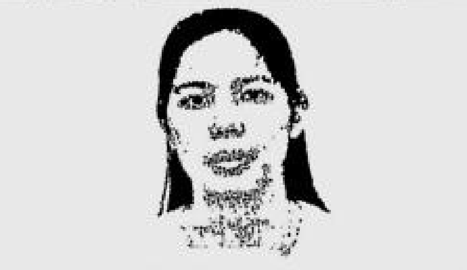

SHERIBA V. TEJANO
whose picture appears above, is no longer connected to IN.C Design Studio, Inc. effective 28 August 2006.
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(PDI – September 10, 2006)

Negros Oriental to host International Rondalla Fest

GOVERNOR GEORGE P. ARNAIZ OF Oriental Negros, in a memorandum of agreement, accepts the invitation to host the 2nd International Rondalla Festival in February 2007. Signing in with him last June were Dr. Ramon Santos, director of the festival; Professor Felipe de Leon, Jr., NCCA Commissioner for Subcommission on the Arts and head of National Music Committee; Dr. Nichol Elman, chairperson of the Oriental Negros Tourism Council and Ms. Mariant Escaño-Villegas, Co chairperson of the Oriental Negros Culture and Arts Council. Dubbed as Cuerdas sa Panaghiusa (strings of unity), the festival is presented by the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA) through the Musicological Society of the Philippines (MSP) and in partnership with the province of Oriental Negros.

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Dearest Bobby,

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What a life called by God,
what a life to remember!

Your smile, your face,
you left a void no one can replace.

We love you still
we always will.

Minnie and Family

ROBERTO (Bobby) G. JONGCO

In Loving Memory

On the 16th Anniversary of **Roberto "Bobby" G. Jongco's** reunion with **THE LORD**, the following MASSES will be offered today for Bobby's eternal rest.

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Our Lady of Fatima Parish, Philamlife Village, Las Piñas	9:15 am
Our Lady of Perpetual Help, 13th Avenue, Cubao	8:00 am
Don Bosco Parish Pasay Road, Makati City	8:00 am
San Lorenzo Ruiz Chapel New Marikina Subdivision	9:00 am
St. Paul Chapel, Mother Ignacia St., Q.C.	9:00 am

Minnie, Rovi & Sheila, Tina (Weng) & Nolan wish to thank our relatives and friends who have been praying for **Bobby's** peace in the garden of our **LORD.**

"All things work together for good to them that love GOD."
(Romans 8:28)

GEORGE BONGOLAN JACINTO

peacefully joined our Creator
on September 7, 2006, at the age of 74.

His bereaved wife, ***Angeling***, together with his children, ***Abel, Ramon*** & ***Marisse, Carol*** & ***Dan, Joey*** & ***Mitch, Martin, Joan*** & ***Jong***, and ***Tepee***; grandchildren, ***Joe, Aya, Tina, Kim, Danny Boy, Gabby, JJ***, and ***Francis***, siblings, in-laws, nephews, nieces and relatives request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains lie in state at *Baguio Memorial Chapel*, Naguilian Road, Baguio City.

Interment details may be obtained from any family member at *09165164081*.

Message of Thanks

With the Passing on of

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His Family sincerely thanks everyone, who condoled with them in their hour of bereavement.

ROGELIO SALITA DUMUK
"ROGER"

Passed away in grace of our Lord on the 5th day of September at the age of 48.

His bereaved family: Wife – **Myrna**; Children: **Anrym** and **Rhona May**; Brothers and Sisters: **Tessie** and **Pem**, **Boy** and **Carmen**, **Julie** and **Brigs**, **Melong** and **Edgar**, **Carding & Mina**, **Baby** and **Ronnie**; Nieces and Nephews.

His remains lie in state at the Cosmopolitan Funeral Parlor, J. Camus Ext., Cor. Jose Abad Santos St., Davao City – Pisa Chapel.

Interment will be on Monday, 11 September, 2006 at the Davao Memorial Park, Matina, Davao City after the 9:00 a.m. Mass at Assumption Church, F. Torres St., Davao City.

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BIARSP is currently on its third and final phase of implementation. BIARSP is highly regarded on account of its integrated approach covering not only agricultural support services but also education, public health and institutional capacity building.

To further strengthen the programme's implementation, BIARSP supports its lead partner agency, the DAR, in upgrading the physical state of its field offices in regions 7 and 9 to provide a conducive working environment for its staff and have efficient delivery of service. The rehabilitation of one municipal office (DAR Sidira with an estimated budget of PhP 931,695.57) and three provincial offices (DAR Zamboanga del Norte, and DAR Basilan and DAR Resettlement Office, Cebu with an estimated budget of PhP 3,500,000.00, PhP 1,912,175.68 and PhP 2,500,00 respectively) are found to be necessary.

The BIARSP-Technical Support and Coordination Office (TSCO) therefore invites eligible contractors who are accredited by the Philippine Contractors Accreditation Board qualified for retrofitting buildings between PhP1,000,000 to 4,000,000 or with corresponding record to bid for the rehabilitation of one or more of said offices.

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(PDI–Sept. 6 & 10, 2006)

DOLE reduces apprenticeship training to 3 months

THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND Employment (DOLE) has reduced the period of apprenticeship from four months to three months to help more workers gain on-the-job training (OJT) and subsequently meet the growing demand for workers equipped with skills required by industry.

Labor and Employment Secretary Arturo D. Brion issued DOLE Circular No. 2, series of 2006, amending certain provisions of Department Order No. 68-04 which provided for the guidelines in the implementation of the Kasanayan at Hanapbuhay program (KASH).

The KASH encompasses the apprenticeship and employment program which aims to provide new entrants to the labor force with the opportunity to acquire entry level basic skills and work experience usually required by industry in accepting fresh graduates and other young workers.

Under the program, a worker or apprentice may undergo OJT for an apprenticeable occupation approved by the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA). An apprenticeship agreement binds a participating employer to train the apprentice for an established period. Any unemployed person 15 years old and above may apply for apprenticeship with any participating enterprise.

Brion said that the apprenticeship period can be extended only until the sixth month of training.

He stressed that the amendment would accommodate more workers applying for apprenticeship and also meeting the entry-level requirement of establishments participating in the KASH program.

This would facilitate the placement of apprentices in productive jobs, he said.

Brion added that employers have the option to employ the apprentice even before the completion of the apprenticeship period.

TESDA records showed that the number of workers trained under the KASH program reached 25,662 from January to June 2006. The garments sector trained the biggest number of trainees, at 7,789 or 30.35% of the total number of trainees. This was followed by the automotive sector (2,987 or 11.64%), wholesale and retail trading (2,404 or 9.37%), metals and engineering (2,200 or 8.57%), processed food and beverages (2,103 or 8.19%), electronics (2,032 or 7.92%), tourism (1,985 or 7.74%), and furniture and furnishing (1,982 or 7.72%).

In terms of region, the biggest number of trainees were found in the Calabarzon (9,769 or 38.07%) followed by those in Metro Manila (7,686 or 29.95%), Western Mindanao (1,559 or 6.08%), and Northern Mindanao (1,507 or 5.87%).

NFA donates empty sacks for oil spill clean-up

THE NATIONAL FOOD AUTHORITY IN Region VI has donated a total of 75,414 pieces of unserviceable empty sacks to the provincial government of Guimaras to be used as booms to protect the coastline of the province from the oil spill on its shores.

NFA Region VI director Javier Lozada said 57,995 pieces were donated to the local government of Guimaras through Governor J.C. Rahman Nava while another 17,419 pieces were donated to the Philippine Fisheries Development Authority based in Iloilo.

Lozada said the empty sacks can be used as container for the recovered bunker oil residues and as receptacle for hays, chicken feathers and even human hair which are being used to absorb the oil slick.

In his report to NFA administrator Gregorio Y. Tan, Jr., Lozada also noted that a total of 2,071 bags of rice were released for the relief assistance of the local government, private relief institutions and local representatives to assist the residents affected by the oil spill.

Rice withdrawals for relief operations were either paid in cash or covered by a memorandum of agreement (MOA), he said.

For more information on the NFA's oil spill clean-up assistance in Guimaras, the public may send their inquiries via Text NFA Program with mobile number 0917-6210927.

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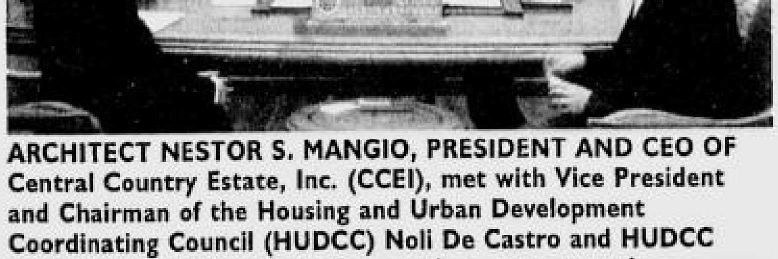

ARCHITECT NESTOR S. MANGIO, PRESIDENT AND CEO OF Central Country Estate, Inc. (CCEI), met with Vice President and Chairman of the Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Council (HUDCC) Noli De Castro and HUDCC Undersecretary Lucille Ortile recently to report on the progress of the CCEI's Lakeshore project in Mexico, Pampanga and its contribution to the progress and economy of the region. The Lakeshore agreed to partner with HUDCC in the relocation housing project for those who will be affected by the construction of the north rail by helping financially in improving the new homes of the beneficiaries. This will be Lakeshore's

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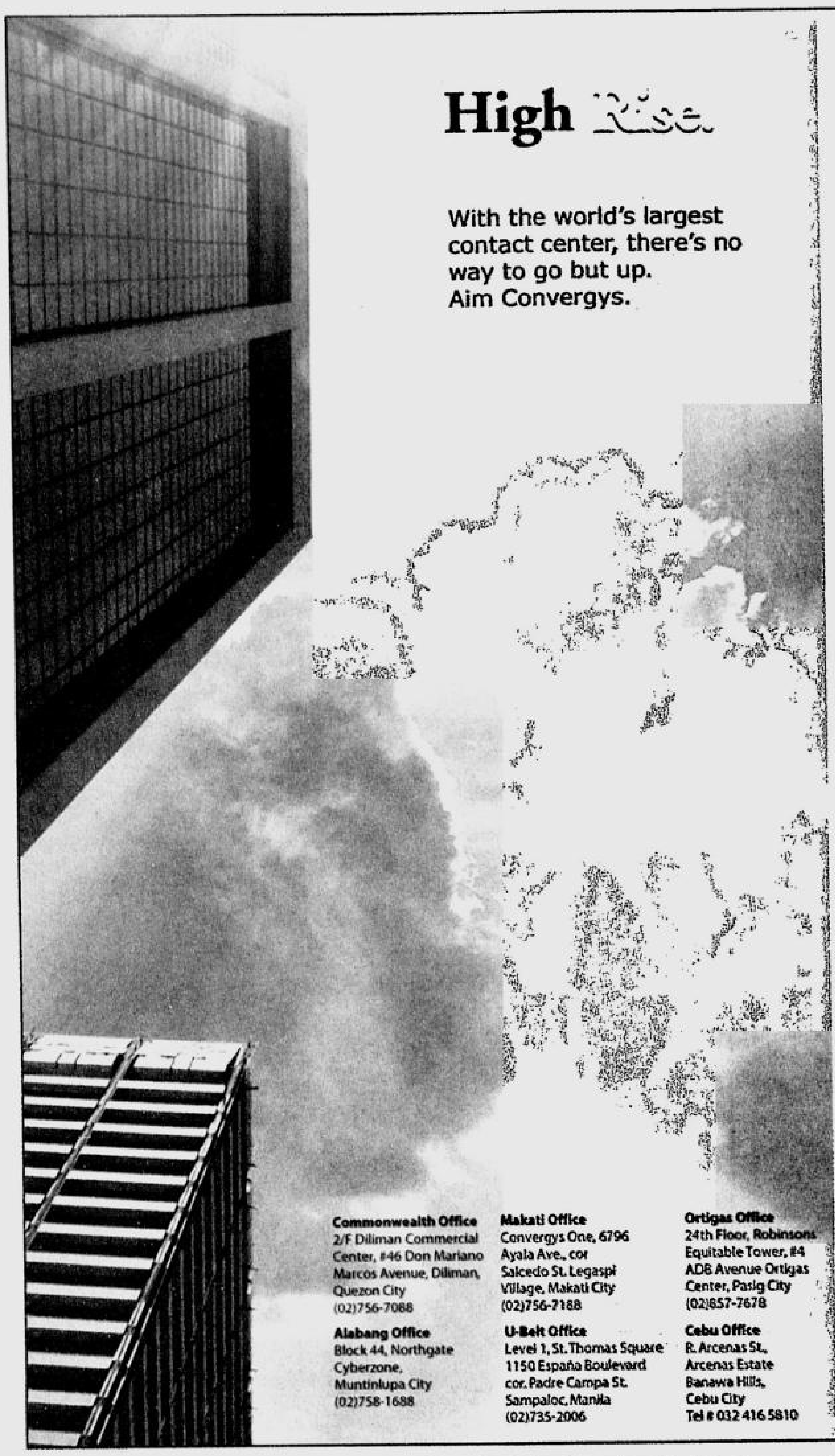

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- With excellent communication skills
- With excellent project management and supervisory skills
- Proficient in MS Office

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- With at least 8 years combined experience in external or internal audit or formulation and review of policies and procedures for banks
- With excellent communication skills
- With excellent project management and supervisory skills
- Proficient in MS Office

PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT MANAGERS

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(1) Product Merchandising Manager - Hardline

(Ref: SHO/PMMHL/PH0910)

Responsibilities:

- Lead global merchandise category and maintain global view of production
- Manage supplier alignment and guide supplier alignment initiative
- Communicate with all Global Procurement offices (GPO) to share departmental direction
- Lead buying trip, determines which GPO should be involved in buying trips, buyer meetings, market surveys, including attending summit, global meeting, etc. Work and travel with buying team during buying trip
- Update product category, market size, projected growth, business breakdown by FOB country
- Identify opportunities for direct import to achieve Every Day Low Price (EDLP)
- Provide direction or guideline to the team for any new assignment from the management

Requirements:

- Bachelor degree holder with minimum 10 years' relevant experience with manufacturers, buying offices, trading companies serving U.S. retail business
- A team player who can also manage work independently
- A self-starter with high sense of urgency
- Strong communicational and management skills in working with overseas buyers, suppliers and associates
- Able to work under pressure and take ownership.

(2) Senior Merchandiser – Hardline Execution (All Product Categories)

(Ref: SZO/SMRHLE/PH0910)

Responsibilities:

- Lead execution merchants, ensure smooth interaction with sourcing merchants in buying trip follow-up
- Assistant Product Merchandising Manager to monitor and take care of special projects
- Lead merchandising activities after finalization, purchase order execution, follow up with buyers and suppliers, monitor shipment fulfillment
- Monitor Key Performance Indicators and share best practices
- Build and maintain effective support and work relationship with internal and external customers
- Train and motivate subordinates, provide assistance and guidance for their career development

Requirements:

- Bachelor Degree holder with minimum 7 years' experience in manufacturer, trading company, or multinational company
- Experience of exporting business to worldwide market especially to USA
- Strong merchandising and marketing skills; good product knowledge
- Detail-oriented and well organized
- Good command of English/Mandarin, and office software
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills
- A good team player and able to work under pressure and willing to travel

Remark: Please indicate the product category which is your expertise. Candidates with less experience will be considered as "Merchandiser".

(3) Senior Merchandiser – Hardline Sourcing (All Product Categories)

(Ref: SZO/SMRHLS/PH0910)

Responsibilities:

- Lead sourcing merchants, ensure smooth interaction with execution merchants in the pre-trip and buying trip process
- Lead the implementation of sourcing strategy of the department
- Lead sourcing and business development activities during pre-trip, and buying trip
- Source and qualify right suppliers and factories
- Closely work with buyers, suppliers, and team members to explore new business opportunities
- Drive supplier alignment, market intelligence (production) e.g. cost breakdown etc.
- Train and motivate subordinates, provide assistance and guidance for their career development

Requirements:

- Bachelor Degree holder with minimum 7 years' experience in manufacturer, trading company or multinational company
- Experience of exporting business to worldwide market especially to USA
- Strong product/ merchandising knowledge and sound skills of cost structure in respective product
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- Good command of English/Mandarin, and office software
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills
- A good team player
- Able to work under pressure and willing to handle paperwork/ reports and willing to travel

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(4) Merchant Quality Engineer

Gas Grill (Ref: SHO/MQEGG/PH0910)
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Wood and Metal (SZO/MQEWM/PH0910)
Toys (SZO/MQET/PH0910)
Small Appliances (SZO/MQESA/PH0910)

Responsibilities:

- Manage quality risk by ensuring quality standards of merchandise match with retail market requirements
- Utilize quality expertise to assess product quality level based on product specifications from supplier or retail markets
- Control merchandise quality by providing quality improvement recommendations to suppliers if the products did not conform to the standards set forth by retail market
- Walk-thru the commited items with buyer and GP Merchant to ensure same page understanding and agreement on quality level
- Establish proper communication channels for legal, safety and quality requirements of each retail market
- Manage sample approval together with GP Merchants and ensure it conforms to the standards, specifications and expectations of Wal-Mart.
- Establish evaluation measures for assessing the technical competence / capability of a supplier/manufacturer
- Prepare technical guideline; conduct technical training to GP merchants, QA auditors/inspectors and suppliers to increase the transparency/understanding of quality requirements
- Participate quality control inspection or factory quality system assessment to ensure the technical and quality requirements has been carried out properly in the field

Requirements:

- Bachelor degree holder in relevant engineering studies (e.g., electronic, mechanical, industrial etc) with minimum 5 years' relevant working experience
- In-depth technical knowledge of responsible product category (lab test, QA experience with leading manufacturer/supplier/buying office), relevant manufacturing experience is a plus
- Understand merchandising processes and techniques
- Excellent analytical and problem solving skills
- Sense of major cost factors
- High level of integrity and business ethics
- Possess organizational skills to perform multiple tasks simultaneously
- Excellent communication skills in spoken and written English
- A team player and able to travel

(5) Sourcing Manager - Apparel

(Ref: SZCSL/SM/PH0910)

Responsibilites:

- Develop the sourcing strategy with Global Procurement Offices (GPO) and clearly communicate it
- Build the supplier matrix for the product area in-line with the direction for the total category. Align suppliers by product type
- Measure supplier performance, capability and capacity in order to make appropriate sourcing decisions. Manage supplier performance
- Reduce risk by understanding trade and political issues and incorporating into sourcing decisions
- Play a leadership role in developing and defining sourcing process and procedure across businesses and offices. Globally manage the GPO sourcing efforts for the product area. Build teamwork throughout the organization
- Understand all product objectives. Proactively identify and resolve product specifications issues upfront. Allocate product specifications to the right supplier
- Work with Fabric Team upfront to explore and source fabric options and achieve objectives
- Work with the Production Management team to ensure placements are made with right factories. Identify production issues upfront and involve Production Management to resolve
- Act as the main overseas point of contact for Wal-Mart US and UK markets. Understand the US and UK retail strategy and product needs, and communicate to GPO Sourcing team

Requirements:

- Bachelor degree holder in business or garment related field is preferred with minimum 10 years' experience with a major US retailer, U.S. brand or world-class importer/agent serving major U.S. retail customers is preferable. A proven track record in sourcing large volume product
- Global experience in sourcing the given product category is required
- High level managerial skills. Proven ability to lead a global sourcing organization and build ownership and teamwork
- Detailed knowledge and use of component costing
- Very good negotiation skills in working with suppliers on product, price and delivery
- Results-driven and self-motivated. High sense of urgency
- Excellent communication skills in clear, direct and open approach

(6) Category Inventory and Forecasting Manager – Apparel

(Ref: SZCGS/CIFMA/PH0910)

Responsibilities:

- Collaborate with retail markets to proactively plan and develop global inventory management and forecasting initiatives by apparel category
- Partner up with merchandising team to review and develop supplier base and factory alignment to support overseas retail market needs
- Analyze and improve supply chain efficiencies
- Provide leadership and support to replenishment in WMGP offices around the world

Requirements:

- Bachelor degree holder with minimum 8 years' relevant experience with replenishment / merchandising / retail business / logistics
- Strong product knowledge in apparel and good understanding of supply chain and import / Export process
- Excellent communication and management skills in working with overseas teams, and suppliers
- Strong analytical and problem solving skills
- A good team player with outstanding leadership and communication skills, prior management experience is a must

(7) Sourcing Specialist - Apparel

(Ref: SZCSL/SS/PH0910)

Responsibilities:

- Manage placement time and action across offices and ensure timely execution of all decisions
- Identify and resolve product specifications issues upfront. Direct product specs to the right supplier. Understand and communicate product requirements of each program to Global Procurement Office (GPO) Sourcing team
- Proactively identify potential product and production issues. Involve Fabric and Production teams to achieve quality, price and delivery requirements
- Ensure all supplier quotations and samples are completed on a timely basis for appropriate decision making to meet objectives
- Execute placements based on supplier capability, capacity, quality and delivery performance and price
- Contribute to the building of the sourcing matrix and supplier alignment by product category
- Maintain and update the performance data of each supplier on a regular basis. Monitor supplier performance
- Compile relevant business reports and recaps to better understand and manage the business

Requirements:

- Bachelor degree holder in business or garment related field is preferred with minimum 7 years' successful experience in apparel or merchandising, preferably with a major U.S. retailer. Additional experience with a manufacturer is a plus
- Knowledge of suppliers and factories. Able to discern performance differences in various manufacturers. Technical garment knowledge is required
- Highly motivated with high sense of urgency and initiative
- Good negotiation skills in working with suppliers on product and price. Good experience in using component costing
- Able to coordinate efforts of associates in multiple offices and work together in a positive and collaborative manner
- Excellent command of English with good communication skills

(8) Fabric Technologist - Knits

(Ref: SZCSL/FT/PH0910)

Responsibilities:

- Understand the major fabric standards and needs of the retail markets, in particular those of the U.S. and UK
- Work proactively with Sourcing team, the Fabric Managers and Consumer Test Lab to understand fabric performance concerns
- Develop and implement practical production solutions with mills prior to fabric commitment
- Evaluate and certify mills for capabilities, capacity and quality
- Work closely with the Fabric Managers to develop the mill matrix and to ensure the right mills are used for the appropriate fabrics
- Oversee quality control of fabric on major programs
- Develop and execute corrective action plans with major mills to upgrade their performance
- Be Wal-Mart's technical expert in fabric production and fabric quality issues. Provide advice internally on fabric production

Requirements:

- Bachelor degree holder in Textile Chemistry, Fabric Production or related filed with minimum 7 years' experience in production with a fabric/yarn mill/ dye-house is required
- Experience in fabric for a major U.S. Retailer, or Brand, or an Importer or Agent for major U.S customers is preferable
- Technical production in knowledge of yarn spinning, knitting or weaving, dying and finishing, as well as garment washing
- Works independently, but also a good team player. Action-oriented
- Fluent in English and Mandarin is a must

(9) Merchandising Manager - Apparel

(Ref: SHO/MMSL/PH0910)

Responsibilities:

- Provide sourcing leadership, training and direction in line with corporate and departmental vision and objectives
- Manage buying trip with a high initiative and well-organized arrangement
- Lead fabric research and development orientated from market trend and Company strategy
- Act as liaison and communication channel between management and merchandising associates
- Monitor trouble-shooting operations, quality control and communication problems
- Supervise and train merchandising associates and evaluate performance and ability of associates
- Prepare monthly report / budget report submission to management

Requirements:

- Bachelor degree holder in Fashion and Clothing, with 10 years' relevant experience in garment merchandising, at least 5 years in senior managerial level
- Excellent communication and management skills with all levels in working with overseas teams and suppliers
- Outstanding leadership and self-motivation, with strong ability to lead the team to achieve business goal
- Rich knowledge and strong in sourcing / budgeting / business development; with experience preferable in USA/Canada/Mexico/ European market
- Able to work under pressure and take ownership
- Excellent command of English and Mandarin

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- Bachelor degree holder with minimum 7 years' merchandising experience in multi-national company, trading company and/or manufacturer
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- Excellent command of English and Mandarin
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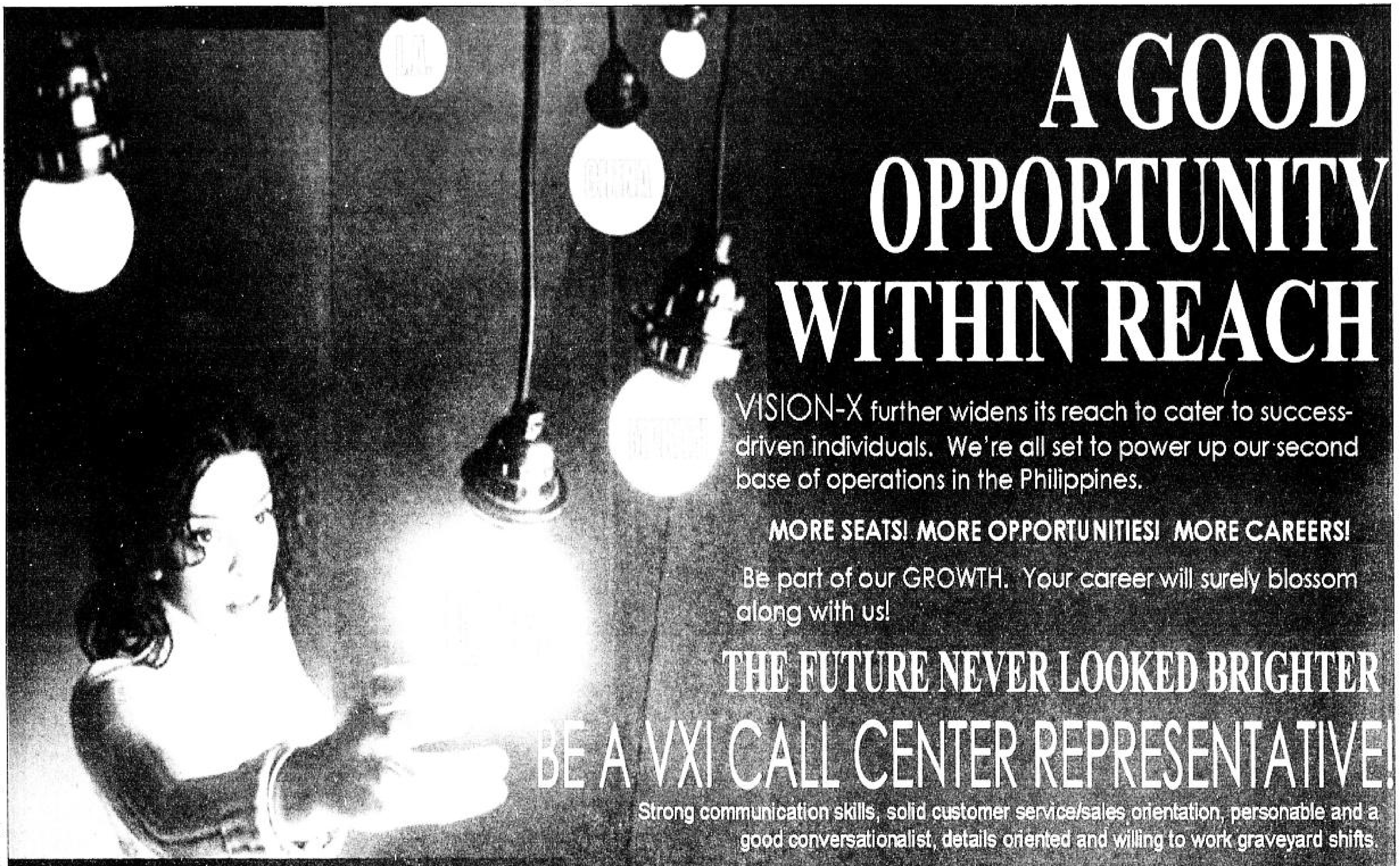

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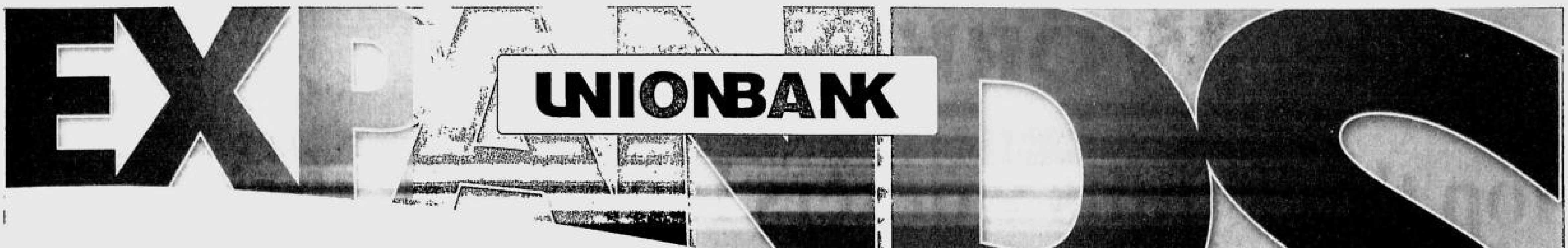

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Top three traits workers look for in their boss

By Tere Z. Cruz

IN LAST WEEK'S MAIDEN ISSUE OF WORKING People, we gathered various opinions of the country's top CEOs on what are the top three traits they look for in their staff. This week, we're putting the focus on the workers' side. These are the traits that the workers think that their bosses should have:

Good listener

Someone who listens and is open to ideas. He or she should keep an open communication with his subordinates. In case he has to disregard an employee's opinion or idea, he or she must objectively express it without being offensive. Sets good example and is supportive. Simply put, a good boss must respect his employees and coworkers and be able to show them through proper working habits. With this, respect will be also given to him. It is also important that he constantly shows support to his subordinates for this will boost the employees' confidence and morale. Respectful—a good boss respects his employees' time and privacy (meaning, no work when the clock ticks at 5 p.m. or so). Reasonable—gives reasonable comments and work load, having enough valid reasons for his comments and the work he is imposing on his employees.

-Carol Rosales

Marketing assistant, Teriyaki Boy Group Inc.

Organized

Knows how to manage, organized, not a slave driver, listens to his staff and knows what he's doing.

Patricia Cotaoco

Researcher, English Language Research Center

Approachable

Approachable, has fair treatment of subordinates, understanding, patient, kind and humble.

-Arlyn Lo

Nurse, University of Santo Tomas Hospital

Good credentials

Easy to get along with, approachable, has good credentials. Should also be a self-made man/woman who's dedicated, kind, down to earth and committed.

-Rustico Zorilla

Research associate professor, University of the Philippines, Los Baños

Concern for staff

Approachable, has concern for staff, has good management skills, sets an example and is dependable.

-Lia Juan

Technical support representative, Sykes Asia Inc.

Competent

Competent, unbiased, compassionate, approachable, a good leader who sets a good example. Someone who looks, thinks and talks respectfully and responsibly.

Luther M. Jorquia, Freelance event organizer

Considerate

Appreciates hard work, considerate, has trust on his subordinates, cracks jokes every now and then to lighten up pressure in the office. Funny but also dignified.

-Joseph Ryan Dris

Cost engineer, EEI Corp. (a construction company)

Quality-oriented

Quality-oriented, considerate, approachable.

-Korina Iledan

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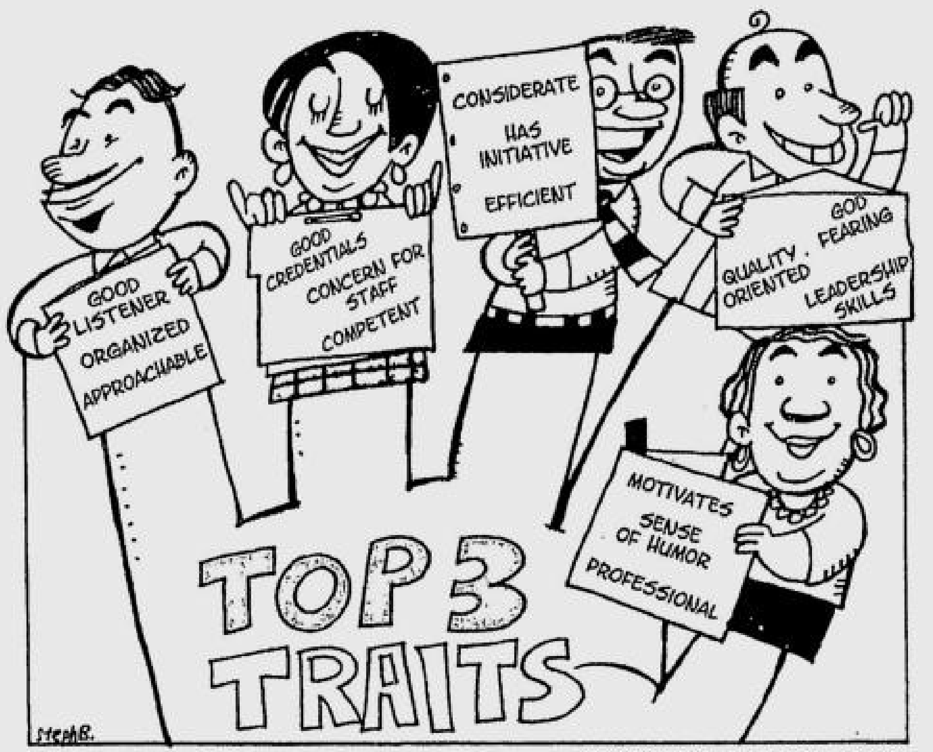

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Leadership skills

Has strong leadership skills, approachable, fair and considerate.

-Lourdes Handumon

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Efficient

Kind, responsible, approachable and most of all efficient.

-Daniel Gigante

Loan administrative assistant, Metropolitan Bank and Trust Co.

Has initiative

Independent, has initiative to be able to think and take action without always requiring supervision.

-Candy Villanueva

Freelance writer

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Knows how to have fun, humble enough to appreciate suggestions, God-fearing and punctual.

-Ronald Cruz

Customer Service Associate-Foreign/Investment, Equitable PCI Bank

Motivates

Coaches, motivates and empathizes with staff. Should also appreciate effort, is supportive and professional.

-Noel de Guzman

Customer support, *Maersk Global Centre, Manila (a shipping company)*

Sense of humor

Has a sense of humor. Laughter always brightens the mood in the workplace and makes working more enjoyable. Serves as a mentor. Someone you can learn from constantly and is willing to teach you things you need to learn in the job—or better yet, in life. Efficient—he or she has sufficient knowledge about the nitty-gritty, day-to-day tasks involved in the job and is able to delegate reasonable tasks accordingly. A friend, it would be great to have a boss who reaches out and tries to get to know you more, beyond the workplace.

Broad-minded—a person who respects people with ideas or views different from one's own most likely gets respected in return.

-Julie Azarcon

Copywriter, small advertising agency

Professional

A good boss must be approachable. He or she must be professional, in a sense that he or she gives credit to those who perform well in the office and calls the attention of those who are not that good or those who gained negative impressions from his or her colleagues. Must be a moral booster to his or her subordinates. Encourages his or her subordinates' skills and talents in performing various tasks. Must know how to defend his or her own subordinates.

-Christine M. Ngoho

Research and publication officer, Brotherhood of Asian Trade Unions (a nonprofit organization)

Doing all things well

By Bishop Precioso D. Cantillas, SDB, DD

FAILURES AND MISTAKES ARE THE COMMON LOT FOR MOST MORTALS. Phrases like, "To err is human ..." or "*Sapagkat tayo'y tao lamang ...*" (Because we are but human ...), are very common explanations why we commit mistakes in our work or fail in our relationships. Admitting, however, that we can fail does not mean that we cannot do things perfectly well. In fact, Jesus, God who became man like us, shows us in the chosen verse of today's Gospel, that as "He has done all things well," we too, can do "all things well." By keeping the thought of our potential for perfection foremost in our mind, we could be strongly motivated to work as best as we can and to relate well with others.

Everyone in the workplace is certainly expected to do his best, and "do all things well." Everybody desires to be promoted in his job, be given higher salary for his increased productivity and efficiency, or simply be affirmed and appreciated that he does well in his job. If everyone has a positive outlook of himself, of his work and of every person in the company, great and satisfying results will be enjoyed by all. The manager would see better job performance in his workers if he would focus more on their ability and capacity to do well rather than harp on their possible weaknesses; he could manage very well if he would encourage every worker to "think positive," and to aim for the best.

When there is a united effort in building an optimistic culture and a positively affirming work environment in the company, and a sincere attempt to imitate the example of Jesus, the perfect man, both management and labor could do all things very well. (*E-mail the author at* mfvg@skyinet.net)

REFLECTIONS FOR THE WORKING SOUL

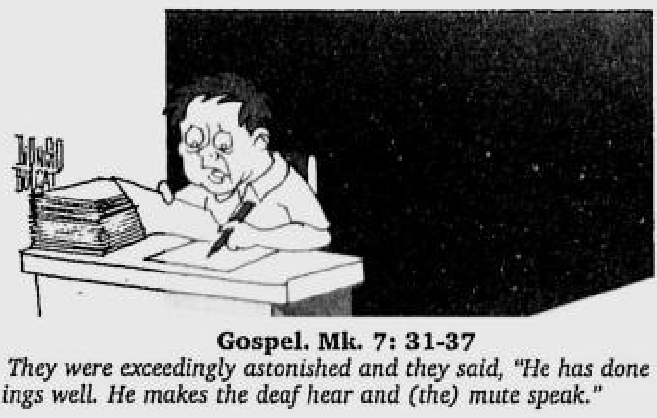
Praise the boss!

By Teresa R. Tunay, OCDS

HAS IT EVER OCCURRED TO YOU THAT OUR BOSSES ALSO NEED AN occasional pat on the back from their subordinates? Funny how we "little people" in the shadow of management can get so wrapped up in ourselves and our woes that all we can see is how we are being shortchanged by our bosses. We make so much noise when we think we are underpaid or unappreciated, blaming our bosses for miseries, but when our superiors do something good for us—even when we know they have to bend over backward to do so—we sneer, "That's his job to keep us satisfied anyway!" This is not to say we should just shut up about unfair practices or policies, but only a reminder that fairness works both ways. We are also being unfair to ourselves if we allow ourselves to see only one side—the negative side—of any situation.

It is a proof of our maturity as workers and individuals that we can see both sides of a question, that we are able to see how things fit and therefore appreciate the whole picture. This way we spare ourselves and others from unnecessary grumbling, and what's worse, from getting stuck in that mental/emotional mode that makes us bitter about work, people and life in general. What's more, when we see the big picture we are guided—we become prudent and considerate when airing our demands, thereby exuding a positive influence in the workplace.

Maybe our bosses cannot astonish us by making the deaf hear or the mute speak, but in many little ways they can do well, they show that the light of Jesus shines in them, too. When we spot these "little things," let's not be stingy with our praise—let's give our bosses that well-deserved pat in the back. (*E-mail the author at* teresa_de_manila@yahoo.com)



Gospel. Mk. 7: 31-37

They were exceedingly astonished and they said, "He has done all things well. He makes the deaf hear and (the) mute speak."

Preparing your career in retirement

ASK YOUR CAREER COUNSELOR

Josie O. Santamaria

MY CAREER ADVICE TO MRS. UNhappy Retiree last week, elicited a number of responses: empathies and sympathies. One reader's advice for Mrs. Unhappy Retiree to have income: go into sales and marketing of tangible and intangible products, such as real estate, insurance, hospitalization, pre-need products, etc.

I have also received mails from readers who would like to know how they can prepare themselves for retirement.

How do you see yourself in retirement? Will you sleep till noon? Watch TV until you sleep? See DVDs the whole day? Play with your grandchildren? Play golf or *mahjong*? Go ballroom dancing every afternoon? Many people in their middle-aged years, harried with work and family responsibilities, see such lazy days as their retirement ideal. But those who have retired know that R&R is one thing, boredom is another. And how long will your retirement funds last?

Retirees have an estimated 50 extra hours of free time a week which can be most enjoyable if you plan your retirement. If you retire at 60, you can still look forward to 15-20 years of life barring illness or accidents.

Categories of retirees

Retirees fall into three categories: those who did not plan for it and left everything to chance just like "Mrs. Unhappy Retiree" who sold her home and divided the proceeds among her three kids and herself. She now lives with a married daughter and shares a bedroom with a teenaged granddaughter who resents the arrangement. Another category involves those who have a rigorous financial plan, which they implement to the letter and in the process rob themselves of the joys of retirement. They are controlled by their money.

The middle category are retirees who have a realistic vision of their retirement life, have a life goal, and a plan to achieve this goal as well as a budget to support their plans. They are still able to live an active and productive life using the skills that they enjoy, and earning in the process. Then, there are those retirees who are able to live a balanced life, this time centered on God, not any more on *mammon*. Their retirement focuses on preparing themselves for the next 10-15 years, living a life according to God's purposes. I suggest you read Rick Warren's best selling book, "Purpose Driven Life." In fact, living a life according to God's purposes should begin now, not when you retire because we don't know when our earthly life will end and eternity begins.

Volunteer service

Preparing not only for retirement, but, more importantly, for the end of our earthly life and for life in eternity, will give us a different perspective that will affect our planning and budgeting. It will require that we make time for service to others, if we have not done so yet; use our skills and talents to benefit others, and share our financial resources with the "least important of My brethren, [because what] you did [for them you did] it for me."(Mt. 25:40) God will surely make us account for how we have used our time, talents and treasures. This kind of spiritual preparation cannot be ignored.

Volunteer service bridges employment with retirement. One of the greatest threats that happen in retirement is a sense of loss of identity, lack of self-worth, a feeling of uselessness. Volunteerism helps you maintain a sense of accomplishment and involvement. Start to volunteer your talents and skills in the service of others. Start volunteer work now, on weekends, in a hospital, clinic, prison, etc. As you give your time, and put your skills and talents to good use, you are able to meet new people, expanding your world, and structuring your time. I knew of a 90-year-old woman who lived in our neighborhood, commuted daily (by jeepney and by bus) from her daughter's home in Parañaque to the Veterans Hospital, rain or shine, did volunteer work five days a week. She lived until 98! Committed and dedicated volunteers are always welcome in many service institutions. More important, volunteer work, if done with love, is a way of serving God and His people. It enables us to fulfill one of God's purposes for our life.

A career in retirement. There are retirees who are still able to go into careers that fit their interests, skills and potentials. You have the freedom to do what you really enjoy doing, this time without external pressure from job demands and demanding bosses. You are able to pursue your hobbies and earn from these.

Having a fulfilling career in retirement requires that you plan now, not when you retire. If your company provides a program for retiring employees, make time to attend it. A holistic retirement program encompasses psychological, spiritual, financial and physical/medical health preparation. Retirees are helped to assess their interests, skills, needs and values; are guided in identifying work/career options in retirement; and in choosing the best option to pursue; in developing a life goal; and making a plan to achieve this goal. It also includes topics on entrepreneurship and investments.

Two ways of earning

There are two ways of earning during your retirement: one from self-employment, and two, investing part of your money in a business. Do the work you enjoy doing and earn from it. Be your own boss. Make sure though that you do not become too dependent on another person in running your business as they may take away your customers.

Look at your hobbies. The Technology and Livelihood Resource Center (TLRC) has a list of courses to enable retirees to learn new skills or to hone their skills, and a DVD/VCD on how to start a small business from your home. As you wait for retirement, develop and hone your skills and start building your network.

If you have attained expertise in a certain field, you can do consulting work, teach and/or write about your field. This is a good way of sharing your skills and talents, and earn, too! If you want career change, take special training programs on a new field of interest or enroll in formal courses in school. Now is the time to finish (at last!) a never-completed undergraduate or graduate course. There are college or graduate courses that have no age limits. I know of a structural engineer who, at age 59, took up law because of his fascination with legal matters, and of a sales executive who, at 60 years of age, took up a formal course in automechanics because he enjoyed tinkering with tools to make vehicles work. He eventually put up an auto repair shop and he has many customers from among his neighbors and friends. Healthy people can continue to learn up to and beyond their 90s. Studies have shown that using and exercising the mind preserves and sharpens it. Retirement provides you with the chance to make up for opportunities missed when the demand for earning a living came between you and your ambition.

Financial planning includes tithing. Know how much is your financial package and plan how you will use your money, remembering that a part of it belongs to God. Be happy when you give back to God a part of your retirement package that your church will use to spread His kingdom on earth.

Then ask for God's guidance in your financial planning.

Financial planning of your savings and your retirement package is very important. Be guided by a competent financial and investment counselor from your bank or from a financial institution.

Don't forget to input into your financial planning and provision for hospitalization, medical and dental consultation and service, laboratory and surgical procedures, medicines, and the like.

Avoid the "Bahala Na" habit. If you must say "Bahala Na," connect it with "*Si* Lord on my plan. May He guide me and my spouse to make the right decisions and lead us to what He wants us to do to prepare us for our life in eternity with Him."

(Josie O. Santamaria, herself a senior citizen, is a psychologist, counselor, coach and trainer, and president of Career Systems, Inc., a management and human resource consulting company since 1983.)

Awarding good deeds

AMID THE HARD TIMES, THESE uniformed men remain righteous and went beyond their regular duties and responsibilities and performed various acts of honesty.

Security Guard Louie Panaligan was on duty at the Bridgeway parking exit last April when he chanced upon a wallet owned by a certain Rod Frigas. The wallet contained P6,400 and $80 in cash, credit cards and the man's Green Card. Frigas was due to return to the USA the following day. Panaligan promptly brought the wallet to the security office.

Another security guard, Diogenes Bahian, recovered an expensive cellular phone in the same area. He surrendered this to his immediate supervisor and was claimed by the phone's owner, a certain Emmanuel Rubio.

Renante Satumbaga was on routine patrol at the Commerce Auto Drop when he found a shoulder bag that he immediately turned over to the security headquarters. The bag contained P1,000 cash, cellular phone, credit cards, eyeglass, calculator and other valuable items.

Security Guard Norberto Pareja found a black clutch bag owned by a certain Dr. Antonio Catangui inside a supermarket pushcart at the Parkway parking area. The bag contained an undetermined amount of money and other valuables.

The management of Festival Supermall in Filinvest Corporate City, Alabang, Muntinlupa awarded certificates of merit to these four security guards for their deeds

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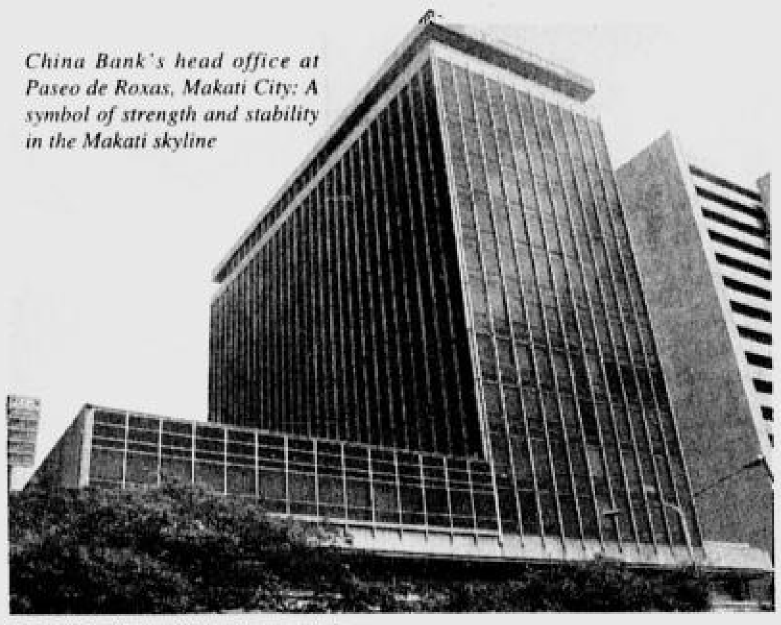

China Bank's head office at Paseo de Roxas, Makati City: A symbol of strength and stability in the Makati skyline

August 2006 marks China Bank's 86 years of successful business operation. The first private commercial bank in the country, the Bank was founded in 1920 with modest objectives. Thereafter, the Bank steadily grew and flourished, forging banking partnerships, enriching the lives of its investors, clients, and its people. Currently, China Bank is one of the strongest and most profitable banks in the country, and is also recognized as one of the nation's best employers and most admired companies. Much of the Bank's achievement comes from the importance it places on fulfilling its mission and living its values, as well as creating an environment that fosters the growth and development of its people. The Bank's success is built on world-class banking products and excellent service through the hard work and dedication of its workforce. China Bank employs close to 3,000 people throughout the country, each of whom shares the Bank's commitment to customer service, and contributing to the success of the people and the community that they serve.

China Bank HRD head and Vice President, Remedios C. Cruz talks about China Bank as an employer.

Flourishing in an atmosphere of mutual respect and trust

China Bank's work culture encourages and nurtures teamwork, respect for others, and excellent service. With a long history of treating employees with respect and dignity, the Bank remains committed to its core value of concern for its employees. The work environment at the Bank fosters growth and achievement; the lines of communication between management and employees are always open; and employees are given the appropriate tools, training and authority needed to function effectively. "At China Bank, we believe that the quality of our people will spell the difference between failure and success; between growth and stagnation. We recognize that they are the cornerstone of China Bank's consistently good performance. That is why we endeavor to make the Bank a second home for our employees, not just the company they work for. We value relationships and feelings here," shared China Bank Human Resources division head and Vice President, Remedios C. Cruz.

A rewarding and enriching work experience

China Bank's career environment has always emphasized a career-life balance and employees are encouraged to achieve both their professional and personal life goals. The Bank's remuneration package is regularly reviewed and adjusted to be at par or even above industry averages, providing generous benefits programs to enhance employee health and welfare. A reflection of the way the Bank values its people, China Bank employees enjoy training opportunities, including financial assistance for a graduate school education. Employees also enjoy comprehensive medical, dental, life insurance, and loan benefits. Its reward system is competitive, and performance-based. Although it has had a union for the past 50 years, with rank and file employees being provided highly competitive increases, the Bank has a merit increase system for all employees. Benefits are also improved even outside of the bargaining table when the Bank perceives that these improvements will help its employees. "We take genuine interest in the welfare of our employees. We see to it that they get the right compensation, and are recognized and rewarded for their good performance," said Cruz.

A balanced environment for professional and personal growth

The Bank is committed to personal and professional development through training. China Bank regularly offers management development courses, and trains its employees on banking, customer service and marketing, and conducts product briefings to update employees' product knowledge. To supplement the Bank's in-house training programs, the Bank also sponsors employees to attend local and international seminars, trainings, and conferences. "We look at our people's career path and provide them with the appropriate training to enhance their abilities and to help them climb the corporate ladder," shared Cruz. "As China Bank grows, our people's competencies must grow, too."

Recruitment and manpower development remain critical to China Bank's growth. In its bid to become the leader in its category, the Bank aims to attract top-caliber employees, provide them with opportunities to develop to their full potential and to share in the Bank's success. As China Bank continues to expand its business, make its products and services more responsive to customer needs, and improve the efficiency of its business processes, the Bank needs more dedicated, motivated, and highly qualified men and women to take the bank to new heights. "I invite you to learn more about our business groups, our products and services, and our plans for the future," said Cruz, "You'll find that you can build a rewarding career with us."

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By Melvin R. Royo

CITIZEN TRUTH VERIFIER Academy Inc., a subsidiary of Truth Verifier Systems, Inc, the country's No. 1 Private Detective Agency, under its President Conrado G. Dumlao, marked another successful seminar entitled "How to Catch Company Thieves" last August 15, 2006 at the Republic Flour Mills (RFM) Auditorium in Mandaluyong City. Its first booming event was held last June 27 wherein it was docked with nearly 200 participants.

The August 15 affair was again besieged by at least 200 participants whom among them came from the Office of the Ombudsman, Philippine National Police, Social Security System, Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation (PAGCOR), ABS-CBN Bayan Foundation, Bureau of Fire, Asian Development Bank, Bank of the Philippine Islands (BPI), Hong Kong Shanghai Banking Corporation (HSBC), Wellmate, Bristol Myers, Air Philippines, Digitel, Shangri-La Plaza Hotel, Manila Peninsula Hotel, Punongbayan and Araullo, Philippine Daily Inquirer, and many more.

Its participants were jam-packed with comprehension on how to help raise employee productivity levels and minimize unnecessary losses due to unmonitored fraud, internal theft and other illegal activities.

Dumlao's aim to prevent, deter, detect and investigate fraud has paved the way to hold this kind of seminar.

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Wyatt names James Matti as managing consultant for the Philippines

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Matti is currently president and CEO of Aon Philippines Inc. Prior to joining Aon in 1997, Matti was with a leading global and insurance brokerage and risk management consultancy in the United States. He is a graduate of De La Salle University in the Philippines and is a member of the American Chamber of Commerce.

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Entrepreneurs Society of the Philippines, in cooperation with Department of Trade and Industry, holds this major event slated on Sept. 29, 8:30a.m.–5:p.m. at Club Filipino. Featuring other high-caliber speakers - Donald Lim, CEO of Yehey.com; Yoly Ong, chairperson of Campaigns and Grey; Jos Ortega, chairman and CEO of BrandLab; and Lizanne Uychaco, SVP and Chief Marketing Officer of PhilAm.

Topics include: Internet Marketing Magic; Creative Advertising: Ideas and Techniques; What is Your Brand Story?; Powerful Selling Techniques; Plus the Success Secrets of Lamoiyan Corp. This is especially designed for executives, businessmen, entrepreneurs and sales and marketing professionals. For inquiries and reservation, please call Peter at 726-5466 / 726-6740.

Sponsors for this big event include the Philippine Daily Inquirer, the Job Market, Porter and Miles, Canadian and Institute of Entrepreneurship.

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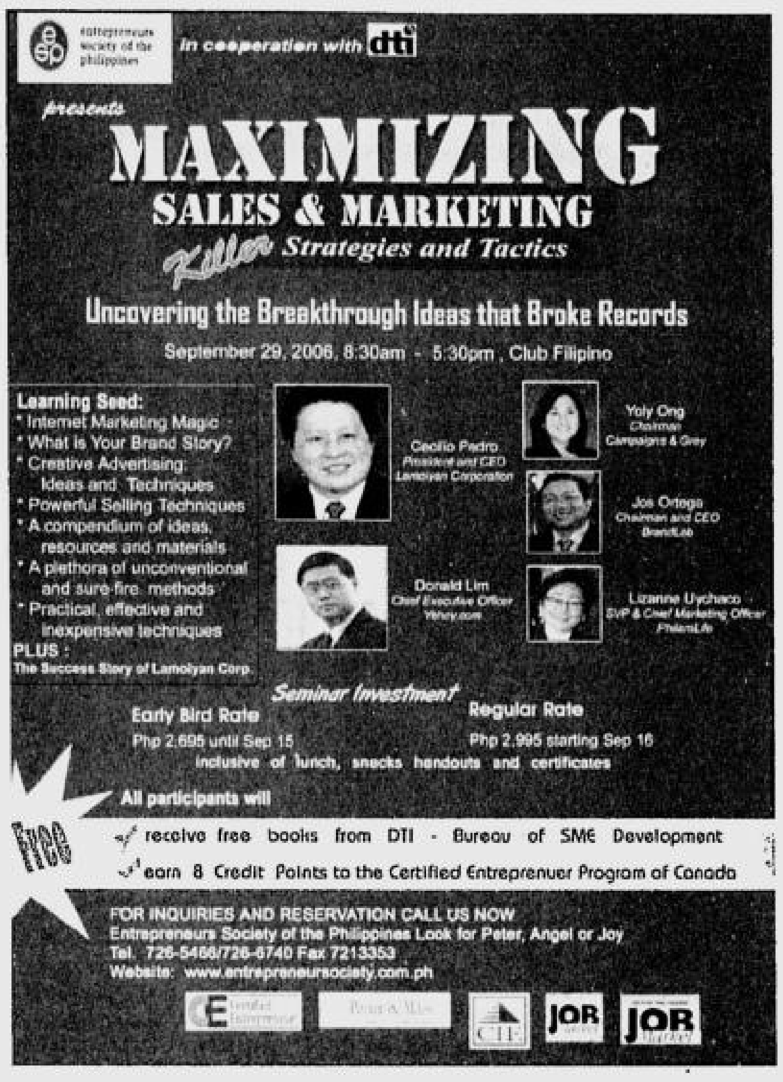
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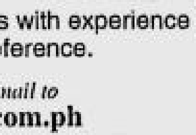

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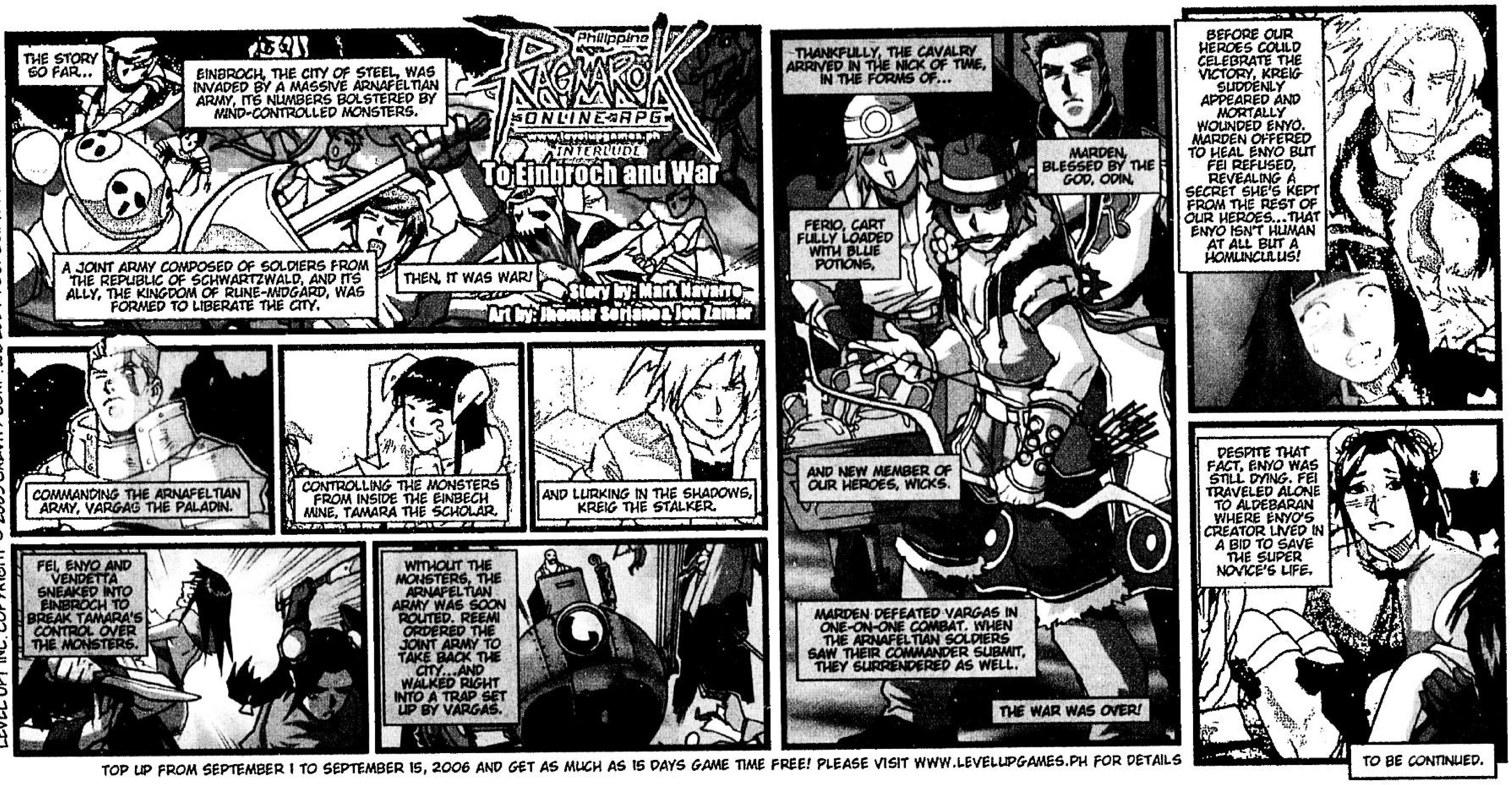
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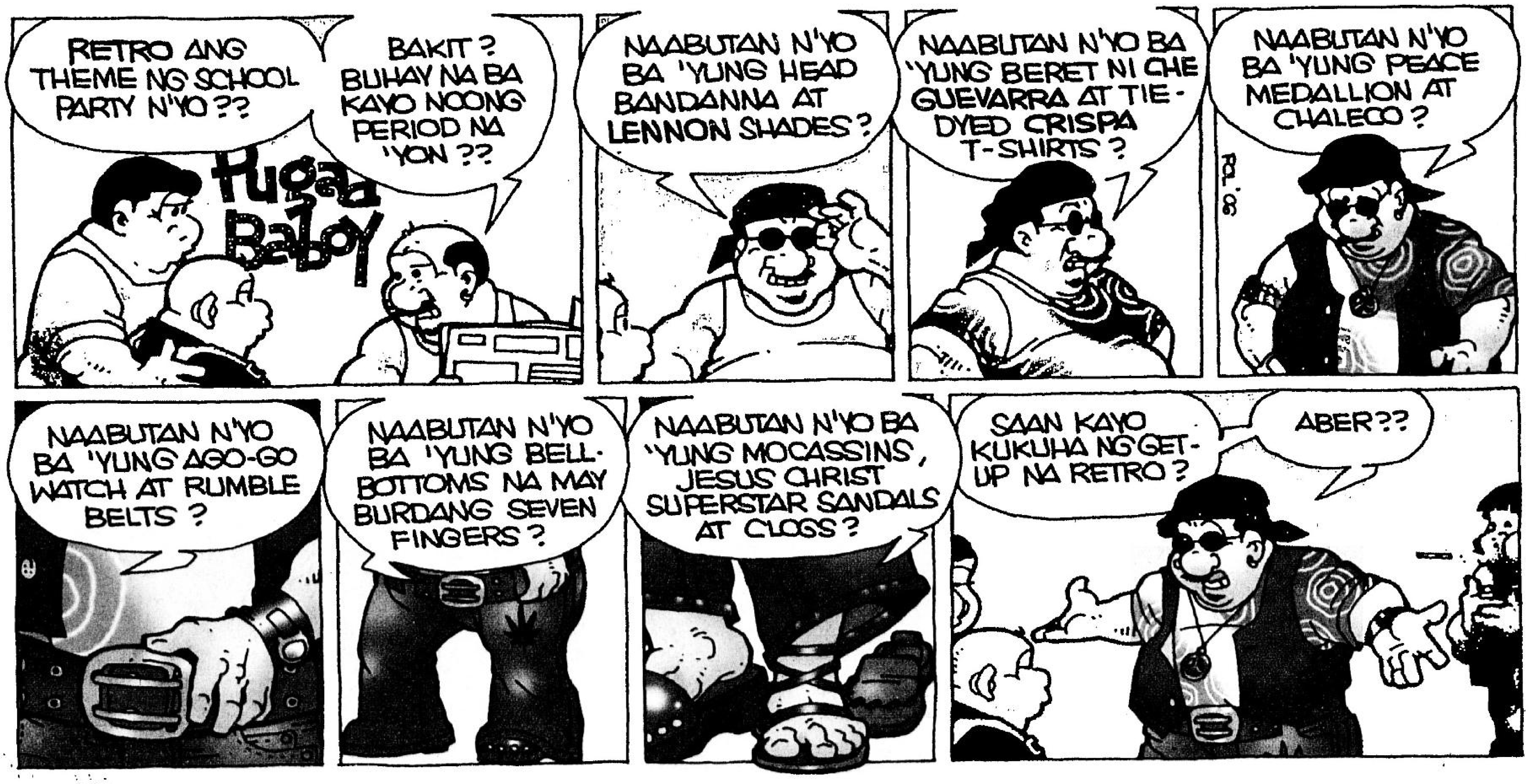
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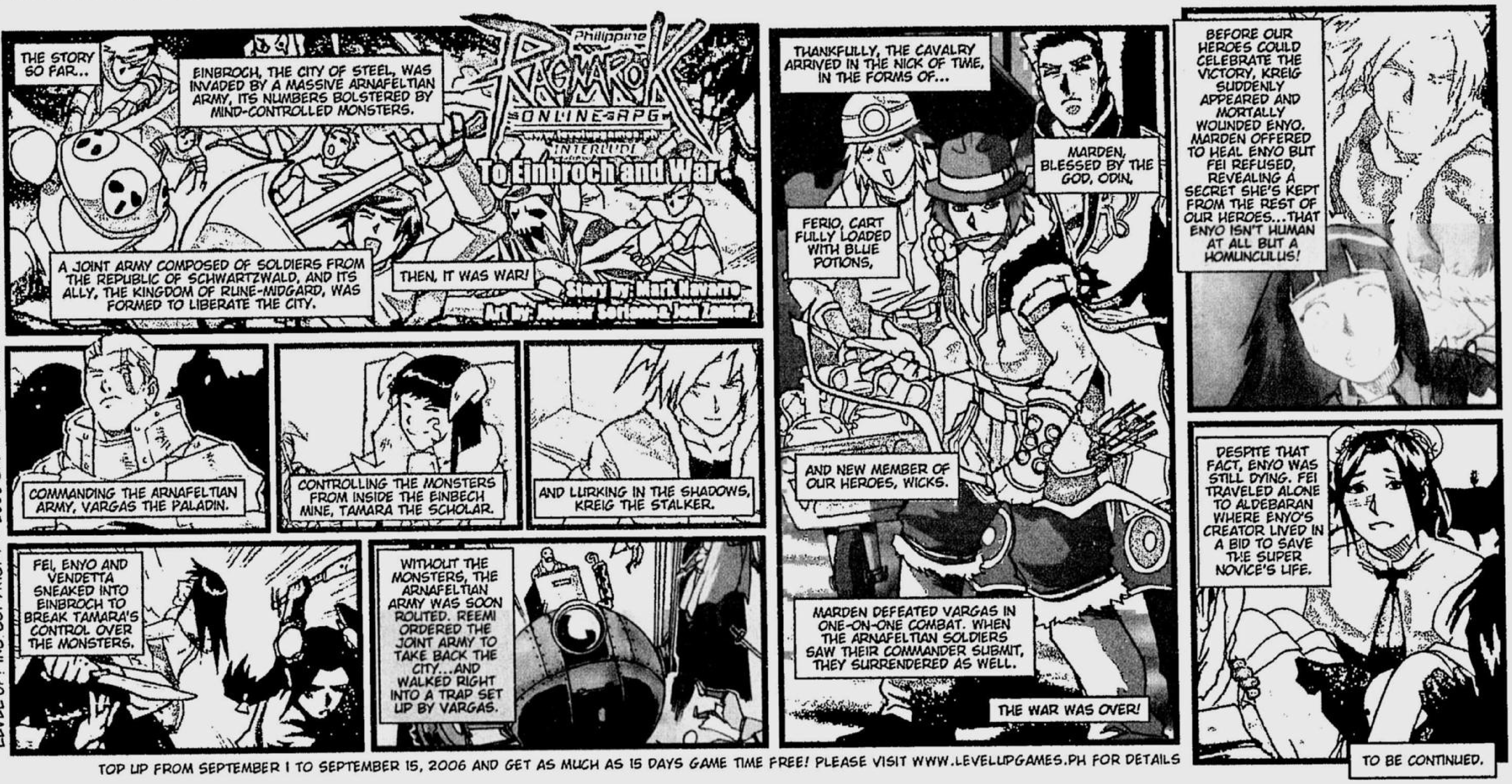
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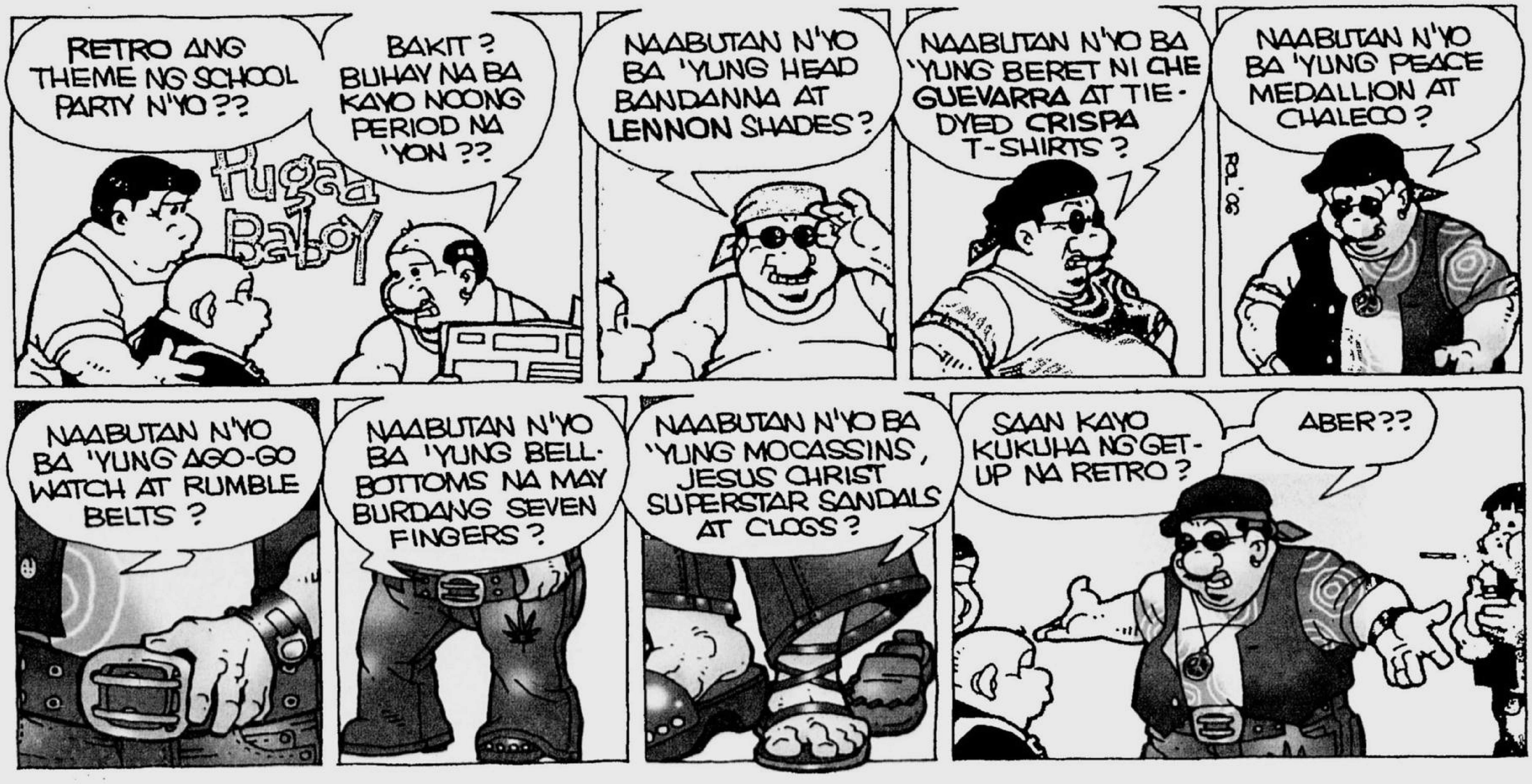
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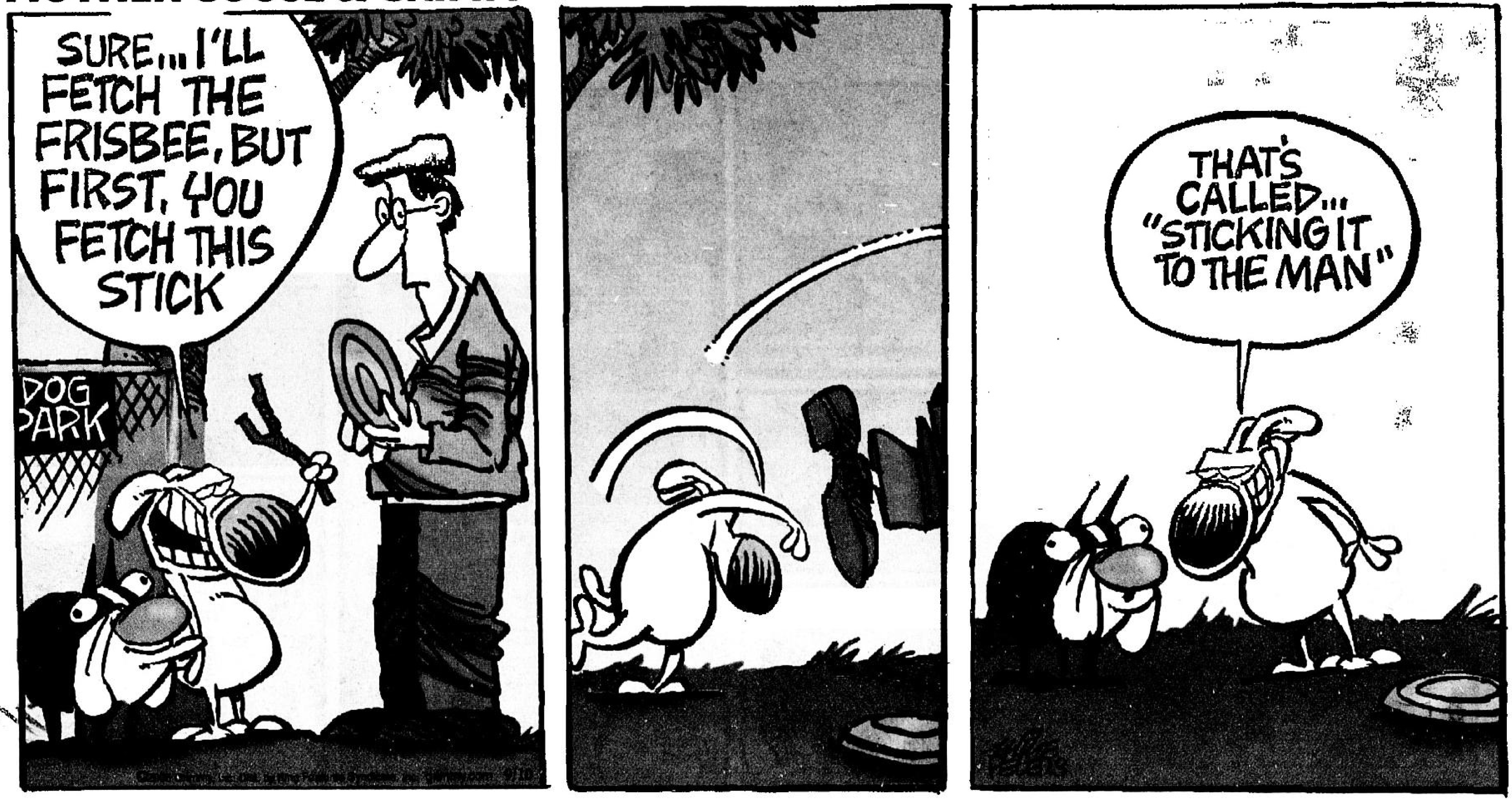
RETAKE OF PRECEDING FRAME

MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM

BY MIKE PETERS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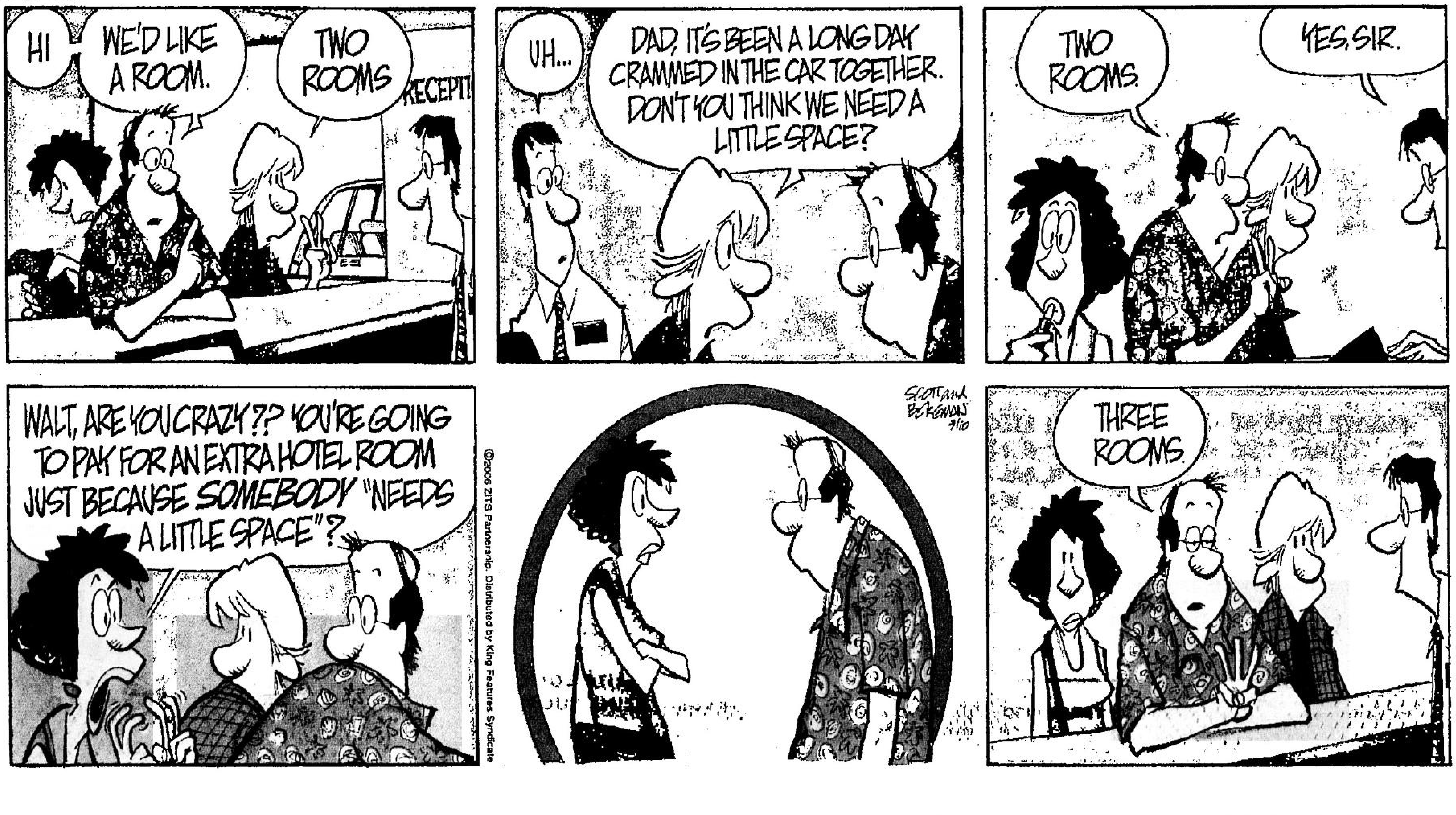
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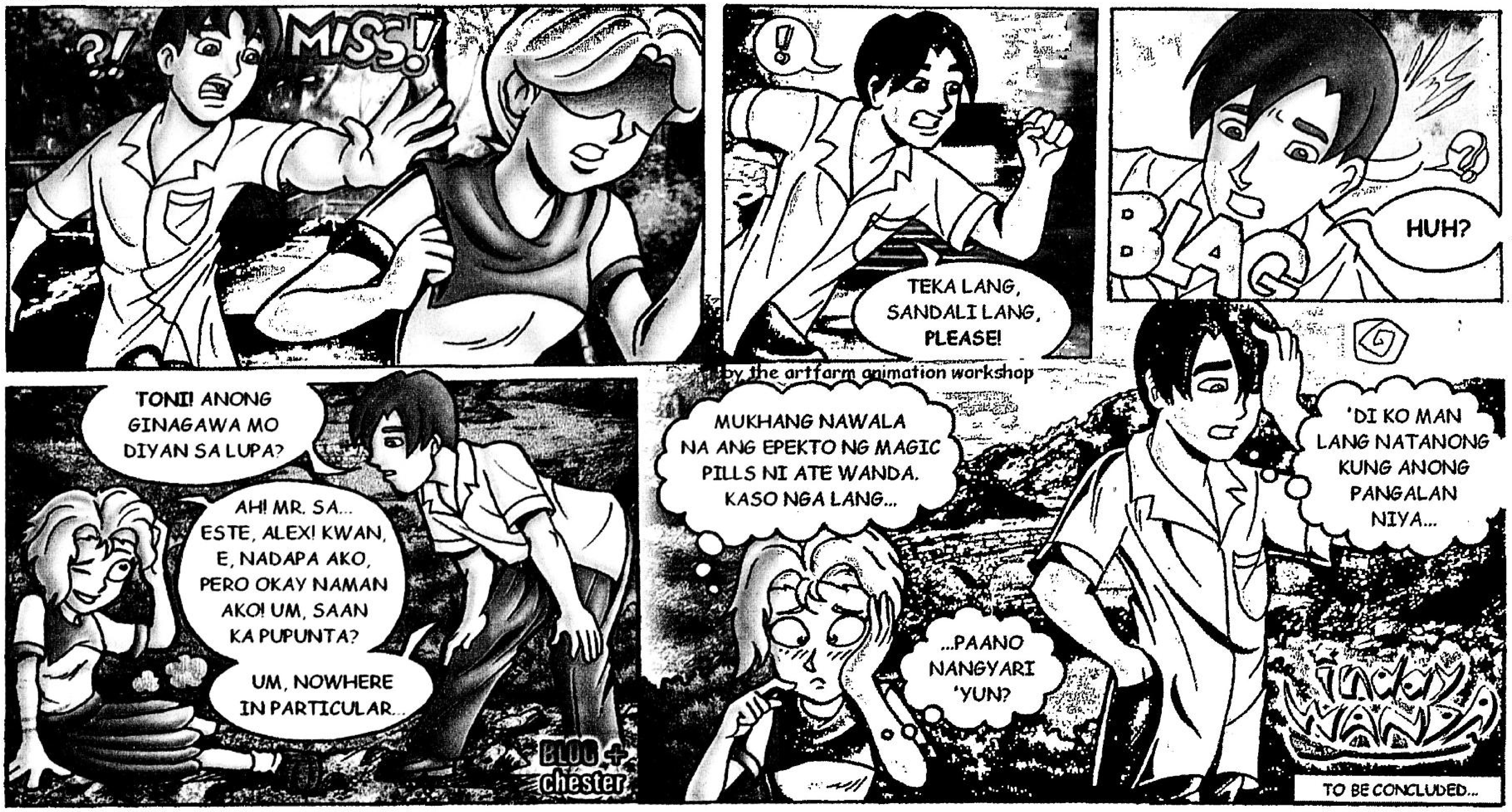
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UM, NOWHERE IN PARTICULAR...
BLOG + chester
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...PAANO NANGYARI 'YUN?
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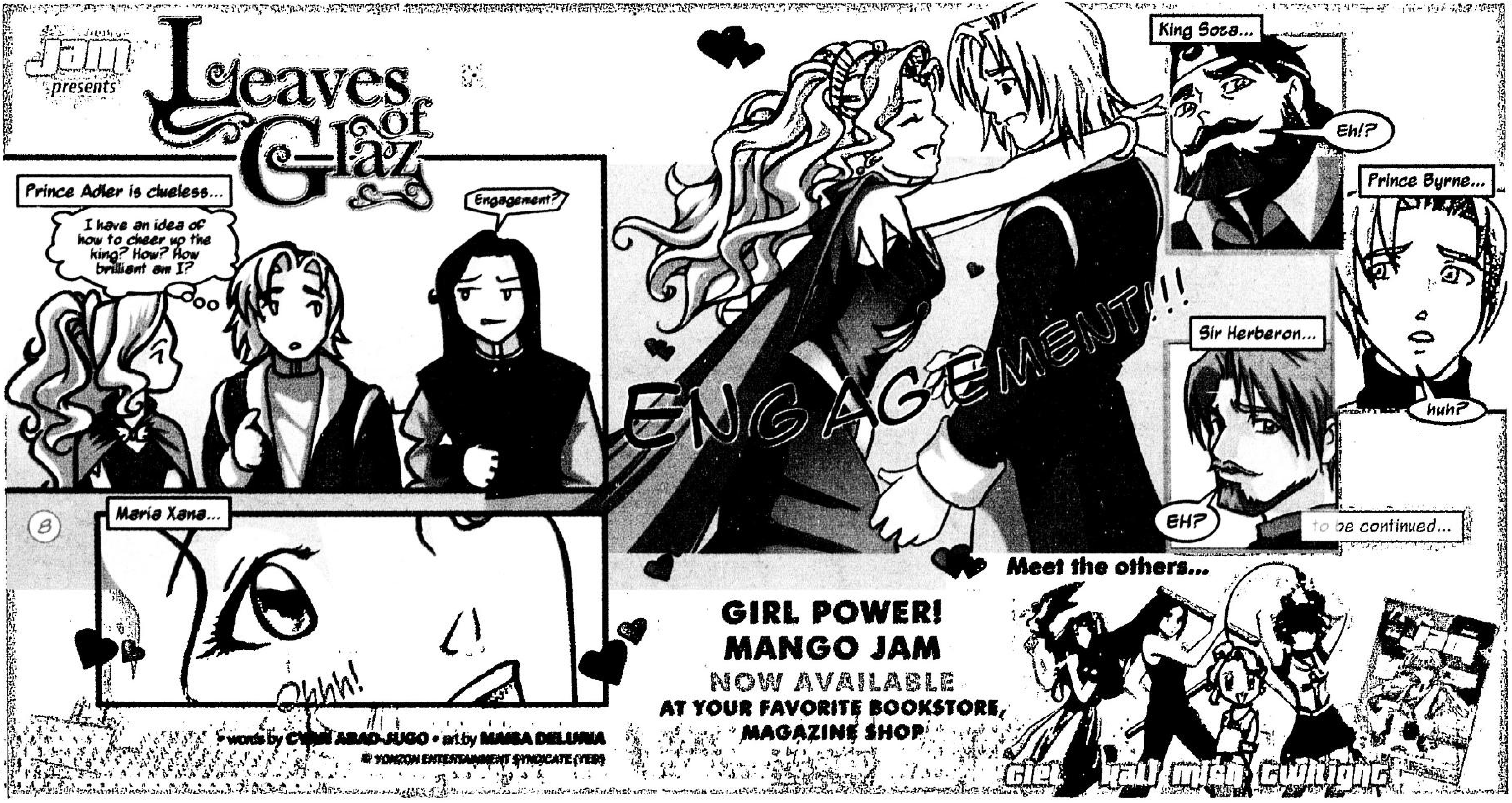
BY MANGO COMICS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Eh!?
Prince Byrne...
huh?
Sir Herberon...
EH?
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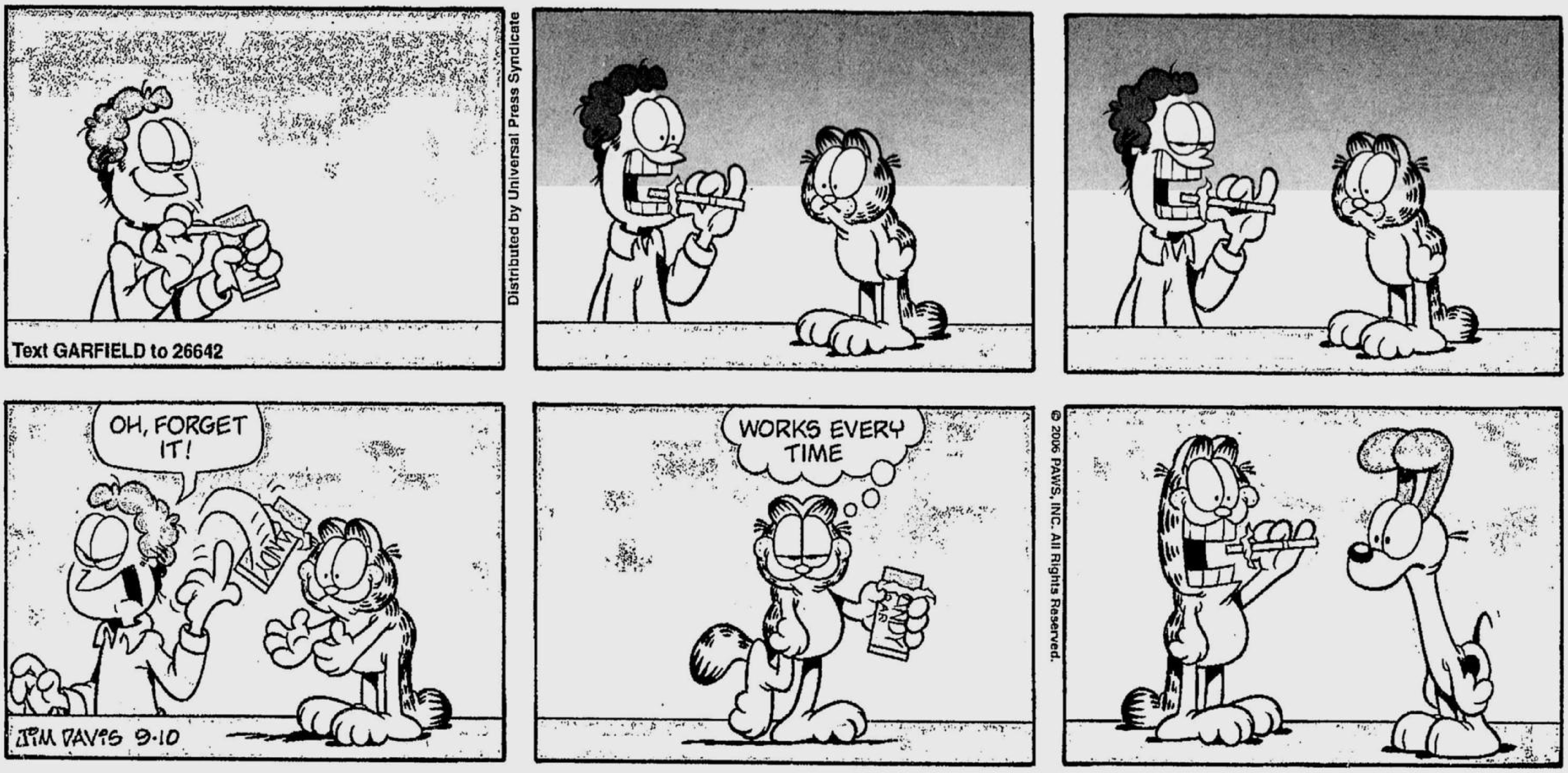
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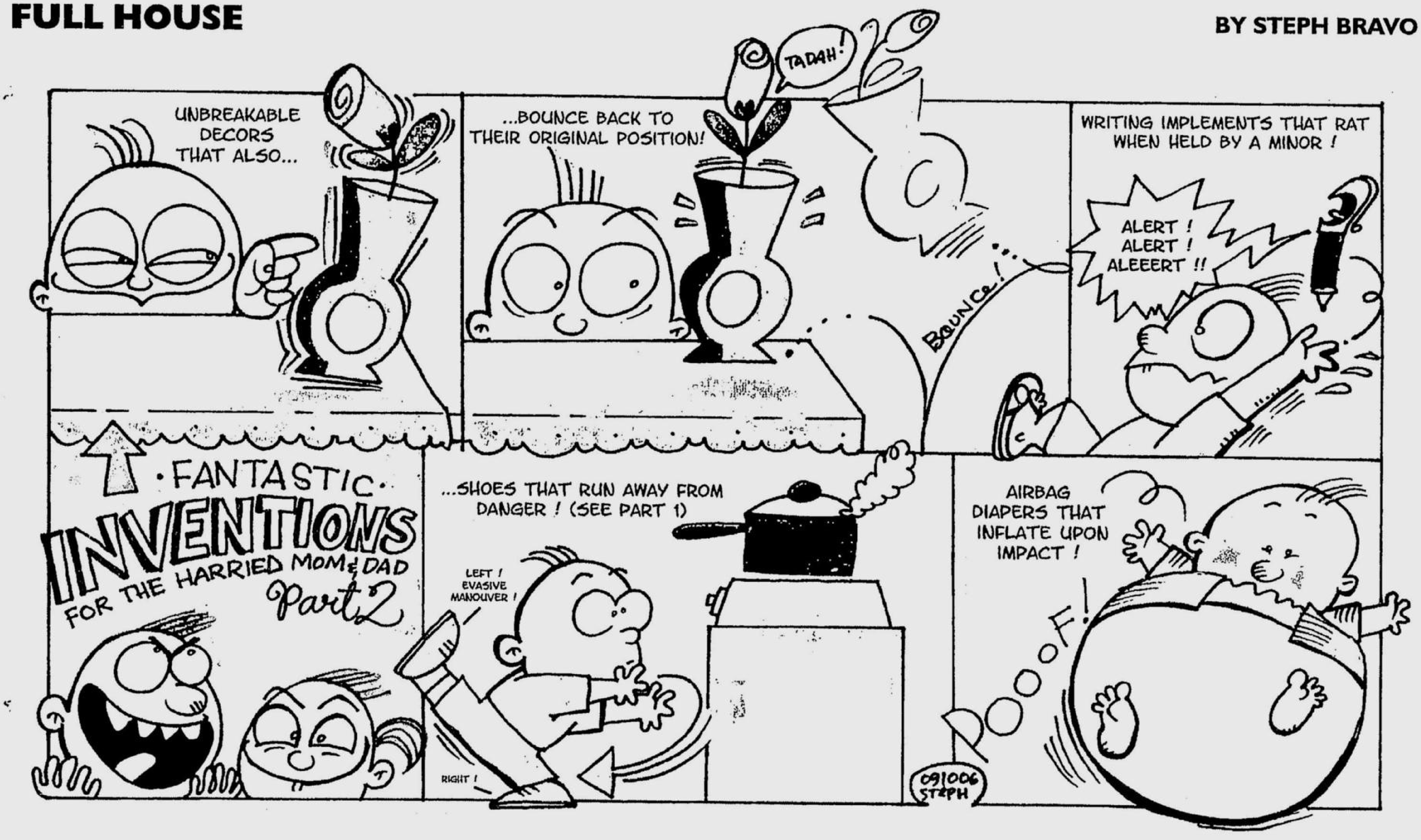
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...BOUNCE BACK TO THEIR ORIGINAL POSITION!
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...SHOES THAT RUN AWAY FROM DANGER ! (SEE PART 1)
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RIGHT !
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POOOF!
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GET TO KNOW SOME REAL PEOPLE

words come alive

The winners of the 56th Don Carlos Palanca Memorial Awards

by the SIM staff
photographs by Rodel Rotoni

MIDNIGHT madness was raging in the malls right outside the Dusit Hotel Nikko that evening in Makati. But deep within the hotel's Grand Ballroom, the country's literary elite gathered to celebrate the veterans and induct the neophytes into its undisputed honor rolls. In its 56th incarnation, the Don Carlos Palanca Memorial Awards for Literature continued to define who had arrived, and this evening was the best attended in recent memory, gathering friends and family, mentors and aspirants, in a single space in time.

The SUNDAY INQUIRER MAGAZINE toasts a selection of this year's awardees, just as we fondly congratulate previous winners who have graced our pages such as Dean Francis Alfar, Rebecca Añonuevo, Grace Chong, Leoncio Deriada, Edgar Maranan, Glenn Sevilla Mas, Socorro Villanueva, among others. And raise your glasses high for this year's winners. The city's lights burned bright for all of you that night, reflecting the endless spark of imagination within us all.

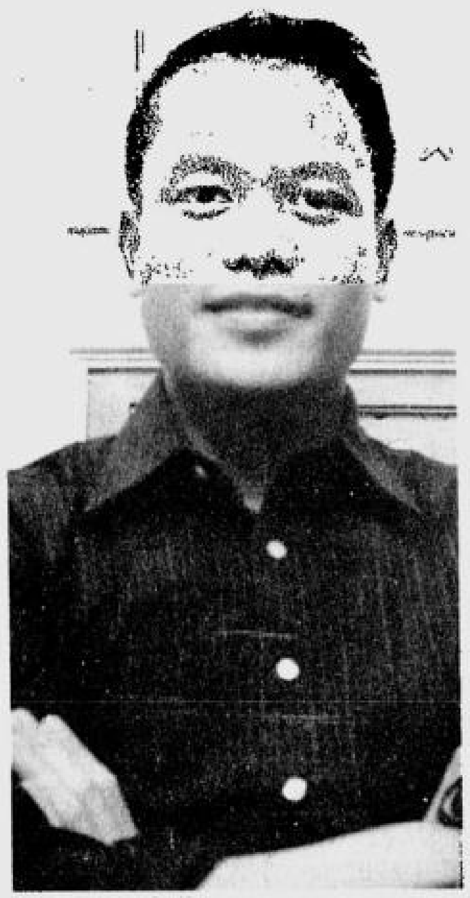
Ruel S. De Vera

Michael Francis C. Andrada
Futuristic Fiction in Filipino

Ma. Celeste Flores-Coscolluela
Children's Story in English

Rodolfo R. Lana, Jr.
Teleplay in Filipino

Rosario Torres Yu
Essay in Filipino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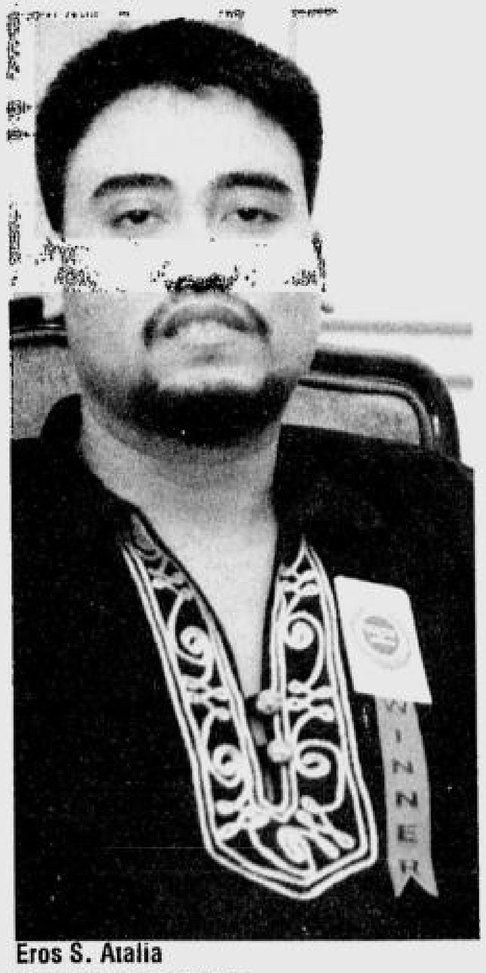
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Short Story in Filipino

Bernadette V. Neri
Children's Story in Filipino

Don Carlos Palanca Memorial Awards for LITERATURE

Palanca by the numbers

Year the Palanca Awards began: 1950
Number of categories in 1950: 1 (Short Story in English and Filipino)
Number of categories in 2006: 21
Total number of awards given since 1950: 1,787
Total prize money given in 2006: P617,000.00
Total number of judges in 2006: 63
Total number of submitted entries in 2006: 912
Category with most entries in 2006: Short Story—English
Category with the least entries in 2006: Full-length Play—English
Number of first-time winners in 2006: 33
Number of first prizes necessary for the Hall of Fame: 5
Number of writers in the Hall of Fame: 19
Deadline for next year's Palanca Awards: Midnight, April 30, 2007

Lawrence L. Ypil

Revealing the words hidden everywhere

GROWING up in Cebu, Lawrence Lacambra arry” Ypil never considered becoming a writ- He liked reading and English was his favorite subject in school, but writing was actually not something he seriously considered. In fact, Ypil initially set out to be a doctor, enrolling in the Ateneo as a biology major. But the words tugged at him still. “I think I spent more time reading poems than doing lab experiments,” he says. He was already a bemedalled poet when he went on to med school at the University of the Philippines. But again, those precious poems would not let him go. In 2002, he took a leave of absence and soon after, began working on his master’s degree in literary and cultural studies at the Ateneo, where he has also taught for the last three years.

The intricacy of the secrets all around is what the 28-year-old Ypil dissects in his poems. “I have always been fascinated with the inner life, which is not only the life of feelings and sentiments and re-sentiments but also the life of ideas, of thoughts not necessarily spoken out loud, what we think of when we’re not speaking,” Ypil explains. That is why the poems in his collection “The Highest Hiding-Place” often speaks of his memories of growing up in Cebu. “In spite of having stayed in Manila for the past 10 years, I am still thoroughly Cebuano,” he says.

Now, Ypil works on his forthcoming book of poetry, which bears the same title as his prize-winning collection. In the meantime, he also pens a bimonthly column for the Sun.Star Weekend and ponders writing more nonfiction. And as always, his continuing hunt for the beautifully unexplained. **RSDV**

Excerpt

from **“The Highest Hiding-Place”**
by Lawrence L. Ypil
First Prize, Poetry in English

Garden

When we talked about the world
we were talking about order:
a trail of grass, a fist of blooms.
My mother points to a slow
and deliberate fall of the full fruit.

"When we are dying," she says
"when we are long gone and dead,"

And it is so easy to pretend we had a world
of choice. A green, easy tending.
The orchids tenaciously
cling to their dark barks.

We talked straight into evening,
straight into each tangled tendril
angled against dark, into dark.
If we could only hold the edgeless
in place. Night and its reckless weeds.
The light was not ours to give.

Mykel Andrada

Taking note of what comes next

WHEN Michael Francis “Mykel” Andrada shifted from biology to creative writing, he didn’t leave all his scientific interests behind. When the 27-year-old moved from the University of Santo Tomas to the University of the Philippines in 1999, he kept his love for experimentation, especially in what he wrote. “*Sa estilo o porma, aminado akong nagpapaka-postmoderno ako o nagpapaka*-experimental *ako. Pero sa nilalaman, malay ako na huwag maging postmoderno* (In style or form, I admit I try to be postmodernist or I experiment. But in content, I am conscious of not being postmodern),” he says. “Especially now that many writers use the term postmodernism, meaning the aesthetic logic of global capitalism, as a comfortable excuse to be pluralistic, apolitical and reactionary.”

His is not the path of least resistance, evidently. The format of the Experiment Paper is what stayed with him during his transition from UST biology major to UP *malikhaing pagsulat* major. Accomplished in so many disciplines yet still hungry for change, Andrada wrote his winning story last year, starting as a draft posted on his blog. *“Naisip kong gumawa ng maikling kuwento na gagamitin ang pagbibiyahe sakay ng dyip bilang alegorya ng hinaharap* (I thought of writing a short story that used the jeepney ride as an allegory for the future).” Additionally, the story *“Tala-Huli”* reflects his conviction that there will be no major change in the future of the Philippines as long as the country remains a pseudo-colony of First World entities such as the United States.

That being said, the multi-talented, very much pop culture-immersed Andrada is both overjoyed and humbled by his first Palanca, “*katulad ng nararamdaman ni* Hinata *kapag nakakasama niya si* Naruto (just like what Hinita feels when he gets to go with Naruto),” he says, referring to the characters of the anime series.

The former Vice Chairperson of the UP University Student Council teaches a bunch of subjects at UP’s *Departamento ng Filipino at Panitikan ng Pilipinas* and is an active member of the Congress of Educators/Teachers for Nationalism and Democracy (CONTEND).

The author of the CD-book “Apartment *sa Dapitan at Iba Pang Maikling Kuwento*” is co-editing two upcoming anthologies and would like to write more young adult novels, such as “Loyola High,” which he co-wrote. Andrada is also working on his master’s in Araling Pilipino. But of course, he’s busy experimenting, provoking change, pushing borders as far as he can. **RSDV**

Excerpt

from *“Tala-Huli/Huling Tala: Si Manong, Sa Dyip, Ang Drayber, At Ako, Ako Lang Naman, Ang Kanyang Pasahero”*
by Michael Francis C. Andrada
First Prize, Futuristic Fiction-Filipino

[1] Minsan, galing as Welcome, Rotonda (na Mabuhay Rotonda na ngayon—at nagbiro pa iyong kaklase kong baklang si Charles nung hayskul kami sa Lourdes School of Quezon City nang ganito: Charles: Bongga ang pag-pay kesh sa jeepangga kaninesh! “Manong, bayad po!” “Sa’n ‘to?” tanong ng drayber. Sagot ko: “Mabuhay!”), nagmamadali akong sumakay dahil mahuhuli na ako sa alas-diyes (siyempre umaga) na klase ko, hindi ko na nagawang mag-abang pa ng dyip na may bakanteng upuan sa tabi ng drayber. Ako pa lang ang lulan ng likuran ng dyip. Naghihintay pa ako ng pasaherong sasakay para may mag-aabot ng bayad ko sa drayber. Sinipat-sipat ko ang batok ng drayber. May lumalaylay na mahahabang hibla ng buhok mula sa dulo ng bumbunan, bagama’t nasasakluban ng pulang sumbrero, taksil ang mahahabang hibla ng buhok sa identidad ng drayber. Sa pagsulyap ng drayber sa side mirror sa kanan, ipinihit niya nang bahagya ang kaniyang ulo. Nakita ko ang isang kapat ng kalahating mukha ng drayber: maamo ang mukha, maselan ang kalahating ilong, maliit ang kanang tenga. Parang, parang, parang kalahating mukha ng babae. At taksil ang maamong mukha, maselang kalahating ilong, at maliit na kanang tenga niya. Babae. Babae nga si Manong Drayber. Dahan-dahan akong pumunta sa likuran niya. Iniabot ko ang bayad ko habang sinasabing: “Mama, bayad ho.”

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Jun Lana

A *winner* in two worlds

RODOLFO R. "Jun" Lana Jr. won his fifth Palanca this year, which catapults him into the Palanca Hall of Fame as its youngest member at age 34. "This must be one of my greatest achievements, because it took me eight years to join the contest again," he says.

In fact, *"Milagroso,"* his riveting teleplay about a faith healer who's all too human, was already shown on GMA 7, starring Cesar Montano as flawed miracle worker Arman. It's a perfect illustration of how Lana has one foot in literary Olympus—and the other in the commercial world. "They're still two different worlds," he says. "People from the commercial world are not very receptive to literary stuff, and literary people don't apreciate my commercial work. Personally I think I am able to balance both worlds, but it can get frustrating. So I just go with the flow."

It's been a brilliant rise for Lana, who started writing even as a boy, turning regular school writing assignments into plays. He studied Communication Arts at the University of Santo Tomas, but considers meeting mentor Rene Villanueva as his turning point.

"There were five of us groupies," he recalls, "and we would have to turn out a play almost every week. I became a prolific writer because of Rene." That, and a fixture of theater groups like the Philippine Educational Theater Association and Telon Playwrights Circle. Villanueva's most important lesson: "If you want to write, just write. And it doesn't have to be part of your experience for you to write about it. I won a Palanca for an NPA story, and I didn't know anything about them! But I've experienced a lot since then, so I don't need to invent anymore." *"Milagroso"* is a personal story, inspired by Lana's friend Fr. Corsi Legaspi, and developed when Lana was accompanying a friend to healing sessions.

Lana credits director Marilou Diaz-Abaya with discovering him after she optioned his Palanca-winning piece *"Sa Pusod ng Dagat,"* which became a film in 1998. There have been other acclaimed collaborations with Diaz-Abaya, including "Jose Rizal" and "Muro Ami." But now that Lana is a director himself, he can see the bigger picture. "It's unbelievable how much power we give directors, as compared to writers. The disparity amazes me."

But Lana, who is set to direct *"Mano Po 5"* for the next Metro Manila Film Festival, still considers himself "a writer first—a writer who directs. I even write in my free time—I write in my journal, I blog. Corny, *no*?" Not if it gets you to Olympus.

Alya B. Honasan

Excerpt

from **"Milagroso"**
by Rodolfo R. Lana, Jr.
First Prize, Dulang Pantelebisyo

41. INT. HOSPITAL ROOM. DAY.

Natutulog sa hospital bed si SAMMY. Kausap ng DOKTOR sina ELENA at ARMAN. May hawak na consent form ang DOKTOR.

DOCTOR
Ayoko sanang madaliin ang desisyon ninyo, pero lalo lang malalagay sa peligro ang buhay ng bata kung ide-delay natin ang operation. (*Iaabot ang consent form kay ARMAN*) Ang mabuti pa, iwanan ko na muna sa inyo itong consent form. Tawagan n'yo na lang ako oras na may desisyon na kayo.

Tatango si ARMAN. Aalis ang DOKTOR. Kukunin ni ELENA ang consent form mula sa kamay ni ARMAN.

ELENA
Umuwi na lang tayo, Arman. Naniniwala akong mapapagaling mo si Sammy.

ARMAN
Kung mapapagaling ko ang anak natin, dapat noon pa. Lumalala lang ang kondisyon niya.

ELENA
(*sasabog; maiinis*) Kasi kulang ka sa pananampalataya!

ARMAN
Hindi pananampalataya ko ang magpapagaling kay Sammy, Elena. At lalong hindi pananampalataya ko ang gumagawa ng milagro. Dahil kung pagkatao ko lang ang batayan ng mga milagro, hindi ako karapat-dapat. Alam mo yan!

ELENA
Pero marami ka nang napagaling. Kung ang ibang tao natutulungan mo, ba't hindi ang sarili mong anak?

ARMAN
Nakikiusap lang tayo sa Diyos na hulugan tayo ng habag, Elena. At dahil nakikiusap lang tayo, hindi lahat mapagbibigyan. (*Matitigilan, ayaw niya sanang sabihin ito, but the time has come to tell the truth.*) Madalas, isang tingin pa lang, nalalaman ko na kung gagaling ang isang tao o hindi. At si Sammy... kahit anak ko siya... alam kong hindi ko siya mapapagaling.

ELENA
(*Magagalit; maiiyak*) Wag kang magsalita nang ganyan! Gagaling ang anak natin! Bakit ka pa binigyan ng kapangyarihang magpagaling kung sarili mong pamilya hindi mo kayang iligtas?

Yayakapin ni ARMAN si ELENA.

ARMAN
Kailangan na nating magtiwala sa iba, Elena. Baka sa kamay ng mga doktor, mas may pag-asa si Sammy. Wala na talaga akong magagawa para sa kanya.

Bernadette Villanueva Neri

Planting flowers and *speaking up*

THE THEME—of two gay mothers raising a little girl—might sound too mature for a children's story, but prize-winning author Dette Neri believes otherwise.

"Children nowadays are very smart, smarter than most grown-ups," contends Neri, 22. "We should be fair to them and stop leading them up to the grown-up perspective of things, which we describe as mature, but which might actually be tainted."

Children, too, she adds, should know about so-called sensitive issues like poverty, oppression and homosexuality, "because it's the reality and there's nothing wrong with it." It is us, older folks, who give these topics a label, "maybe because most of us are afraid to explain," says Neri, who works with a local cable news channel.

She is apparently not one of those reticent adults, readily identifying herself as a lesbian who's "more comfortable with same-gender romantic relationships."

Adds Neri: "I've always supported the marginalized sectors of our society—women, children, indigenous people, homosexuals. And I am part of that marginalized group, I am a woman, a *probinsyana*, and a lesbian. Who'll speak for me, for us?"

Her story should hopefully take on that task. "Very few Filipino gays are courageous enough to show that loving a partner and raising a child are not exclusive among heterosexuals alone. This is partly because we do not talk or write about it, so there is no point of reference. Someone has to talk. That's why I'm adding my voice to those who have spoken up."

Neri spent her college years at UP Baguio where she did outreach work during summer, as a volunteer preparing high school students in remote regions for the UP entrance exams. She was also part of the progressive theater group, Tanghalang Bayan ng Kabataan sa Baguio, which practices Brechtian theater. "All our scripts were based on social issues and local problems like mining, demolitions, ancestral lands, dams, discrimination, tribal wars, local economy..." she recalls. Not surprisingly, her experiences in Baguio and the Cordilleras shaped what she is today, Neri adds, of the setting she used in her children's story.

The metaphor of planting flowers as a parallel to raising a child, is something that Neri might have picked up from her father, a farmer, and her growing up years in Gabaldon, Nueva Ecija. "The whole community is a team. They help each other in farming, harvesting, and even in finishing up the drinks at night," she recounts with a laugh.

Her own childhood was just as simple: "We didn't own a TV set until I was 8, so nights were spent telling stories. Papa took the lead, inventing stories of all sorts until we all joined in with our own tales—even my mother who is a social worker. Those were happy days," she recalls with a contented sigh, not unlike the *ikaklit* (sunflower) tended with loving care in her winning story.

Pennie Azarcon-dela Cruz

Excerpt

from *"Ang Ikaklit sa Aming Hardin"*
by Bernadette Neri
First Prize, Maikling Kuwentong Pambata

Tinulungan ako ng aking mga magulang sa paghukay ng maliliit na butas sa lupa. At dahil malamig daw ang aking mga kamay, ako ang marahang nagpunla ng mga buto sa bawat uka. Dahan-dahan kong tinabunan ang mga ito at mahinay na diniligan.

"Maselan ang mga halaman lalo na ang mga bagong tanim," paalala ni Nay Daisy. "Kaya dapat, araw-araw mo itong didiligan."

"Kailangan ding tanggalin ang mga damong tutubo sa paligid. Naaagaw kasi ng mga ito ang sustansya ng lupa," payo naman ni Nay Lilia.

"At higit sa lahat, kailangan ding nasisikatan ng araw ang mga ito," dagdag pa nila.

"Parang mga sanggol?"tanong ko.

"Oo, anak, parang mga sanggol," sabi ni Nay Daisy. "Kailangan ng mga ito ng sikat ng araw upang lumaking malusog. Pero dapat ay katamtaman lang dahil matutuyo naman ang mga buto kung masosobrahan sa init."

Ginawa ko ang lahat ng kanilang mga paalala. At totoo nga! Hindi nagtagal at nakita ko na ang pag-usbong ng murang dahon ng aking mga tanim. Nakabaluktot ang mga supang sa simula pero ilang araw lang ay unti-unti na itong nagsiunat hanggang sa maging maliliit na sangang may mga talbos na nakatiklop.

Cel Flores-Coscolluela

Finding her young voice

CUT," Coscolluela's award-winning piece, is not your typical children's story, but a meaningful recounting of a phase in life symbolized by the parent-teener conflict over...hair.

"It's a story that was very deliberately written," says this 27-year-old teacher with the University of the Philippines Department of English and a special projects assistant with the University Press. "I wanted to show a sense of severance. As a young adult, you go through that phase where you have to become your own person. It doesn't mean your parents or grandparents are bad, but it's a necessary break."

Although she also won second place in the short story category, Coscolluela first won a Palanca for a children's story in 2004, so it's a genre she is comfortable with, zooming in on that awkward phase between childhood and maturity. "Everyone had an interesting adolescence, given the right attitude," she says with a laugh.

"Now that I'm writing about it, I remember that *masaya pala* (it was happy). But when you're in it, it's difficult, and you don't even know what's happening. I want to tell young people how valuable what's happening to them is now—although you do need the older person perspective to appreciate it." It just turned out that most of Coscolluela's characters are young—"Maybe because that's the story I can tell, it's very close. I can't talk about being a mother yet. But I can deal with being 13, I have enough objectivity now."

She may have material to work on soon, as this wife to writer and poet Vincent Flores is also the ecstatic mother to 2 1/2-year-old daughter Leelee. "It's been wonderful," she gushes about motherhood. "I have a wonderful child, and the experience hasn't been difficult at all."

Coscolluela originally studied philosophy at the UP, then shifted to English and ended up teaching. "I didn't realize I'd love teaching so much," she says. Now working on her master's degree in creative writing, Coscolluela sees her third Palanca win as a confirmation of "responsibility. You've been given this, and you're doing well, so you have to take it seriously." But not to the point of losing your voice.

ABH

Excerpt

from "Cut"

by Ma. Celeste F. Coscolluela

First Prize, Short Story for Children

After Chona cut Lola's hair, I mustered enough courage to ask. When she finally stopped laughing at my request, she looked at the front door. Mama was somewhere inside quizzing Jonas on his spelling. I felt my fear settle around me again.

"Please," I begged, thinking I would soon lose my nerve. I didn't want to.

"Cut her hair!" Lola said suddenly, with the most energy I'd heard from her in many years. "She wants it cut, right? And you're a haircutter, *hijo*," Lola said. She finally held up the hand mirror that had been sitting useless on her lap, turned her head from side to side and nodded. "And no, not a bad one. I remember this other *bakla* who once gave me an awful haircut... people did warn me they have heavy hands..."

Chona laughed again, quietly this time. "But her *mother* said—"

Lola shot up from her chair. "Well, *I'm* her grandmother, you know! And I say cut it!"

"Shhh, Lola. Mama might *hear* you." I motioned for Lola to sit down. When I turned back, Chona was looking at me intently.

Her voice was low and gentle when she began to speak. "When I was little, I liked to put a towel over my head and stand in front of the mirror so I could pretend I had long, beautiful hair. One day my father caught me and, well, let's just say he wasn't pleased." She paused briefly, took a deep breath, then smiled. "Well, the moment I had the money I bought the finest wig I could find, see?" She laughed as she touched the silky long tresses that spilled over one of her shoulders. "Sadly, my real hair is sort of nappy. But yours is quite beautiful, no? Are you sure?"

I looked straight into her eyes and nodded.

Of course, as soon as I heard the first long snip of those scissors the screen door swung open behind me. I heard a gasp and then a shriek: "Mikaela Montalban! What in God's name are you doing?"

Eros S. Atalia

Remembering the forgotten

HE may have been named after the god of love, but Eros S. Atalia, this year's first prize winner in the *Maikling Kuwento* category, draws his inspiration from those who rage, rage against the dying of the light.

Says Atalia: "*Gusto kong bigyan ng pansin ang hindi masyadong nabibigyan ng pansin, bigyang halaga ang hindi masyadong napapahalagahan: 'yung pagmamahal, damdamin at emosyon ng karaniwang tao, karaniwang problema—lahat ng karaniwan na hindi kinakaraniwan ng karaniwan.* (I want to draw attention to those who have not been given attention and value what has not been valued: the feelings and emotions of ordinary people with ordinary problems, everything ordinary that is never ordinary for the ordinary)."

Although his story takes place in a very specific social milieu—the grim waterfront of Cavite City where marginal fishermen struggle to eke out a bare existence and take what meager pleasures life has to offer them—Atalia hesitates to call himself a "social realist."

He says he tries to avoid contaminating his writing with politics, preferring to put down his own feelings and observations. But true to the aphorism, the personal is, unavoidably, political.

"*Tawag sa akin ni* Sir Jun Cruz Reyes *'hindi lantad na aktibista' sa pagsusulat. Ayaw kong tawagin ang sarili ko na aktibista pero ayon kay* Jun Cruz Reyes, *aminin ko man o hindi, punung-puno ng aktibismo at hinanakit at galit sa mundo ang pagsusulat ko.* (Jun Cruz Reyes calls me a 'hidden activist' in my writings. I don't want to call myself an acitivist, but he says whether I admit it or not, my writing is full of activism, hurt and anger at the world)."

The astringent flavor of Atalia's writing can be found in his first book, "*Taguan Pung (Koleksyon ng Mga Dagling Kathang Di Pambata) at Manwal ng Mga Nagpapagal (Kopi Teybol Dedbol Buk)*," published by UST earlier this year.

In fact, Intoy Syokoy, the main character in Atalia's story, is based on one of his contemporaries, a subsistence fisherman who, in spite of being poor, illiterate and unattractive became a local hero of sorts because of his skills. His heroine, on the other hand, sells *"tilapia,"* a Cavite City euphemism for the low-grade prostitutes who service the fishermen, and who sometimes settle for being paid in fish instead of cash when business is slow. It is quite a refreshing change from stale social realist portrayals of noble "fisherfolk" struggling against exploitation by the comprador class. Rather than "social realism," Atalia prefers to call it "semi-documentary."

The son of a veteran newsman, Atalia grew up in Cavite City, witnessing the rapid decline of its fortunes after the closing of the US base in Sangley Point. One of his regrets is never learning to speak Chavacano, the now-vanishing dialect of Cavite City. (He peppers his dialogue with a smattering of Chavacano, perhaps in the hope of delaying its imminent demise as a language.)

Atalia graduated with a major in Filipino from the Philippine Normal University, and started teaching Filipino at the University of Sto. Tomas, where he has worked for the last eight years. He was also affiliated with UST's Social Research Center and the Center for Creative Writing Studies.

He says his early works were philosophical in nature, until Jun Cruz Reyes and some of his other mentors and role models convinced him to go back to basics and explore his roots. This led to a reexamination of his hometown and its lower depths, which proved to be a motherlode of inspiration.

Eric S. Caruncho

Rosario **Torres Yu**

Tondo is the *lodestone* for this essayist

WHAT is it about Tondo that has made it such a fertile breeding ground for artists? I asked this of Rosario Torres Yu, this year's first prize winner in the Filipino Essay category, whose work, "*Batang Tundo*," looks back on her childhood in Biak na Bato. By way of explanation, I mentioned interviewing painter Bencab, who grew up in Bambang, and actress Gina Pareño, whose childhood was spent in Gagalangin—all tough working-class neighborhoods.

"The life of struggle really motivates and gives you the impulse to think about life, to try to find alternatives," answered Torres Yu, who, at 56, is the same age as the Palanca Awards. "You embrace reality, but at the same time inside of you is the desire to get out of this place."

The award-winning author has long been a fixture at the University of the Philippines, where she has served as dean of the College of Arts and Letters and vice chancellor for Student Affairs, as well as teaching at the Departamento ng Filipino at Panitikan.

"Magaan kong nasulat ang sanaysay na 'Batang Tundo', kasi buhay ko ito at tungkol sa lugar na kinalakihan ko. Engrande noong una ang gusto ko--makasulat ng nobela tungkol sa pamilya ko pero hindi pa ako handa kaya naisip kong isulat muna sa isang sanaysay. Pagsamo sa alaala, pero isinanib ko sa memorya/kasaysayan ng mga lugar sa Tondo na naging importante sa paglaki ko. Malungkot ang kuwento ng buhay ko kung tutuusin, pero, magaan at masaya ang dating sa mambabasa. Iniisip kong makapagbibigay ng inspirasyon sa mga batang ipinanganak sa mahihirap na pamilya. Pero umiyak ang panganay ko, na nasa abroad, *noong mabasa niya ito. Tama nga si* Lualhati Bautista, *hindi nga nakapagpapakilala ang mga ina sa kanilang mga anak.* (I wrote '*Batang Tundo*' easily because it's about my life and the place where I grew up. I wanted to write a novel about my family, but I wasn't ready so I wrote this essay first. It's mostly memories but I also included the history of the places in Tondo that were important to me when I was growing up. If you think about it, I had a hard childhood but it doesn't seem so to the reader. I though it might inspire children born to poor families. My eldest, who's abroad, wept when she read it. Lualhati Bautista was right: It's dificult for mothers to reveal themselves to their children)."

Torres Yu admits that the onset of menopause might have had something to do with her prize-winning essay as well: She found herself up at three in the morning with nothing to do but write, and her thoughts naturally turned to her Tondo childhood.

A proud product of public schools (back when they were equal to, if not better than, private schools), Torres Yu started writing short stories in high school. A B.S. Education graduate majoring in Filipino and History, she counts among her peers Ricky Lee, Fanny Garcia, Lerry Nofuente, Apo Chua, Heber Bartolome and the membership of the Kapisanan ng Panitikang Pilipino.

For Torres Yu, writing is an impulse:

"Sagot lang sa pangangati ng isip at daliri. Kapag merong gustong isulat, di mapakali hanggang hindi nagagawa. Kaya lang, pambihira namang sumumpong ang pakiramdam na di mapakali. Maraming humaharang sa pakiramdam na ito paris ng mga araw-araw na dapat gawin. Pero masaya kapag nakakasulat, kahit mga entries *lang sa* journal, *kasi gamot ko ito, ang paglikha, sa kabagutan ng buhay na paulit-ulit. Mabagal akong magsulat, kasi nga pasumpong-sumpong lang. Malaking tulak ang* Palanca Awards, *pinapaalala nito sa akin, na kahit minsan sa isang taon, atupagin ko ang pagkatha.* (If I feel that I have to write, I can't rest until I write it. This feeling seldom comes, day to day chores get in the way, but I'm happy when I am able to write, even if only journal entries, because it's my cure for the daily grind. The Palanca Awards is a big help, it spurs me to keep on writing, even if it's just once a year)."

Torres Yu recently published "*Kilates*," a reference work on literary criticism and "*Silakbo*," a collection of personal essays. She is also coming out with "*Hardinerong Tipaklong*," an illustrated children's story, later this year.

ESC

Excerpt

from ***"Si Intoy Syokoy ng Kalye Marino"***

by Eros S. Atalia

First Prize, Maikling Kuwento

Sige ang murang pa-Chavacano ni Mang Amor. **Digrasyaw bo, kabron!**

Pinagpuputol ni Mang Amor ang mga pabitin at panabit. Si Intoy, kinayas nya ang mga bila at poste. Tinanggal ang mga balot ng tahong na wala ng laman. Lumalabo ang tubig sa tuwing babagsak sa burak ang mga bungkos na patay na tahong. Awtomatiko at mabilis ang kilos ni Intoy kahit wala sa loob ang trabaho. Lalo pang lumalabo ang tubig sa mga laman ng tahong lumulutang sa paligid na umaalsa mula sa kinayas na tahong sa mga bila at posteng kawayan. Ilang oras lang at malinis na ang dalawang pwesto ni Mang Amor. Bukas na nila itutuloy ang paglinis sa iba. Pahapon na. Gutom na sila at giniginaw hatid ng hanging pasko. Nanguluntoy na ang kanilang balat sa kamay at talampakan. Sugat-sugat ang kamay ni Intoy sa talim ng mga taliptip at tahong. Di sya naipagtanggol ng manipis at magupok nyang gwantes.

Gabi. May taklob ang nakahanda nang pandesal at mantikilya. Katabi ng kanin at ulam na ipinagtabi ni Berto kaninang hapon bago ito umalis para maghugas ng bus. May mainit na tubig sa termos. Nakahanda na rin ang tinging kape at asukal. Salamat sa isandaang paunang bayad sa kanya ni Mang Amor sa paglilinis ng mga pwesto maghapon. Ngunit hindi sya nakapaglinis ng bahay. Hindi nya rin nalabhan ang kumot at punda ng unan. Di nya rin naibilad ang banig at unan. May tubig-tabang na naigib si Berto. Pero di pa sya naliligo. Nag-aasin na ang tubig-dagat sa katawan ni Intoy. Matigas na ang kanyang buhok. Naaamoy ni Intoy ang sarili na maalat. Nasa gawing pintuan lang sya. Nakaupo at nakaunat ang mga hita't binti sa tulay na kawayan. Inaaninag sa liwanag sa malamlam na bumbilya ang mga sugat sa kamay. Mahapdi. Pero di na kumikirot. Sanay na sya. Naramdaman nyang lumalangitngit ang tulay na kawayan. Iniluwa ng dilim si Doray. Nanulay ang bango ng bagong paligong bagong dating. Naka-shorts at t-shirt ito. Basa pa ang buhok.

Inalig daw halos lahat?

Oo eh. Malas nga. Pati yung kapraso kong pwesto, di pinatawad. May pinaglalaanan pa sana ako nun." Sige ang kukot nya sa sugat. "Gusto mong kumain? May kape dya, pandesal at mantikilya.

Hinawakan ni Doray ang kanyang kamay. Sinuri ang mga sugat. Hinalikan ito. Inakay sya paloob ng bahay.

A, Doray, kasi...

Hayaan mo na, makakabawi ka rin sa susunod.

Pininid ni Doray ang pinto.

Excerpt

from ***"Batang Tundo"***

by Rosario Torres Yu

First Prize, Essay in Filipino

Hiyang-hiya ako kapag kailangan kong amining taga-Tondo ako. Kapag makakaiwas, lagi kong sinasabing lumaki ako sa Biak na Bato, ngayon ay Almeda Extension, na nasa laylayan ng Santa Cruz at Tondo. "Mas malapit kami sa Santa Cruz kaysa sa Tondo," lilinawin ko para agad palisin ang akalang lumaki ako sa lugar ng mga Oxo, Sige-Sige, Kumando, Bahala Na at Sputnik, naglalabo-labong grupo ng mga maton na laman ng mga balitang krimen sa Maynila. "Mga halang ang bituka," sabi ng nanay ko, kapag hanggang sa aming lugar ay nagpapangabot sila.

Malayu-layo kami sa pinakapusod ng magulong Tondo. Isang sakay sa *jeep* ang layo namin sa Bangkusay, Velasquez or North Bay Boulevard. Hangga't maaari ay iniiwasan kong mabuo kaagad ang hinala sa unang pagkikilala na dahil "laking Tundo" ako, eh mataray ako't palaaway o lumaki sa lansangan at basagulera. Ang hindi ko alam noon, kahit naman pala ang Santa Cruz sa dating pueblo noong panahon ng Kastila ay may dalawang isla na ang isa, ang Isla de Sibacon ay naging taguan ng masasamang loob, palibhasa ay malapit sa Binondo na maunlad at sentro ng kalakalan. Kung kailan nagsimulang makilala ang Tondo na pook ng krimen at karahasan ay hindi ko pa nauusisa nang husto.

Dahil kaya mahilig sa mga pusang sanay na makipagbasag-ulo sa mga aso, ang mga unang nanirahan sa Tondo?

Maria Josephine C. **Barrios**

From woman revolutionary to *'desperate housewife'*

Reading her poetry at a rally, far left; below, with husband Pierre

CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS

SHE makes no apologies for her politics, and in fact credits it for her slew of writing awards, including the Palanca grand prize for full-length play this year and second place in Poetry, Filipino division.

"Politics enables me to be creative and has enriched my life," declares Joi Barrios, 43, whose 2006 Palanca award-winning play, "Gabriela: *Isang Oratoryo,*" is a tribute both to the horse-riding Henerala who took over the command of her slain husband Diego Silang against the Spanish forces, and to the militant woman's organization named after the Ilocana hero. The play was staged early this year by Dulaang UP and directed by Tony Mabesa.

"My commitment to the national democratic movement has defined my life and my work," says Barrios, who adds that "writers and artists should be involved in social and political change." Her own involvement as a student activist during martial law ranged from being in charge of lighting in stage plays, preparing sandwiches during rallies, and performing her poetry in picketlines, to acting in or writing songs and plays for UP Repertory, UP Peryante, Tropang Bodabil and the Philippine Educational Theater Association (PETA).

Barrios traces her love of words to her father, who would buy her books for weekend reading when she was a little girl. She lost him when she was 12, and then her mother when she was 20. She found emotional support, creative guidance and role models in surrogate parents National Artist Bien Lumbera and wife Cynthia, award-winning poet Virgilio Almario, and mentor Nicanor Tiongson.

"Gabriela: *Isang Oratoryo,*" says Barrios is "less about Gabriela Silang but more a discourse on women and revolution. Act II focuses on political killings because we need to fight for human rights, especially the right to dissent."

Barrios, who believes in continuing the political struggle "because there is something larger than our personal griefs, inner sorrows, and deepest heartaches," recently took a break to get married. "Happy *naman ako* being single, but God made me this special offer and I grabbed it," says this Bayan member in an e-mail. Now based in Boston, Barrios says she and other activists from New York are trying to organize a Bayan East Coast chapter. This self-described "desperate housewife" to Pierre, a French-Canadian who's doing research in bio-chemistry, says she feels she is "in a sort of reality TV," still uncertain if she is living her own life. "*O di ba? Nakakalokah!*" she adds.

Hmmm, dare we expect an insightful play out of that experience soon?

PAC

Excerpt

from *"Gabriela (Isang Oratoryo)"*
by Ma. Josephine C. Barrios
First Prize, Dulang Ganap ang Haba

Mula sa Act II

MGA TAGAPAGSALAYSAY (PANGKAT 3):

Tulong! Nabaril si Atty. De la Cruz!

AWIT NO. 9: AWIT NG PAGLULUKSA AT PAGTINDIG

(TALA NG DIREKTOR: Ang tulang ito ay bibigkasin sa tono ng pasyon ng mga tagapagsalaysay. Samantala, sa pamamagitan ng mga mananayaw ay isasadula ang "pasyon." Papasok ang mga BABAENG MANANAYAW na animo mga BABAYLAN at ang kanilang sayaw ay humahango mula sa ritwal ng "pagdiwata." Ang lider ng mga BABAYLAN ay may iwinawasiwas samantalang ang isa pa ay may dalang telang itim. Dalawang placards ang magmimistulang krus kung saan nakapako si D.G. Waring magbubuklat ng mga maliit na booklets ng pasyon ang mga TAGAPAGSALAYSAY at MANG-AAWIT.)

MGA TAGAPAGSALAYSAY:

Gaano kadali ang pagpaslang?
Sansaglit, at may nakitil nang buhay.
May punglo na humahagibis
At may pag-asa na napapatid.
Gaano katagal ang ating paglalamay?
Hintayin bang ang luha ay maglawa,
At ang telang itim na yumayakap
Sa bawat bangkay ay maging dagat?
Luhang alat, dagat alat.
Paanong malulunok itong dahas?
Sinong hindi malulunod sa hinagpis?
Bawat dibdib ay sumisikip.
Sa bawat pagluluksa,
Habol ang hininga
Nagtatalo ang pangamba at galit
Sa bawat panganib na hinaharap.
Isa-isa tayo na kanilang nilalagas,
At ating tinatanong:
Sinong nag-uutos, sinong nagbabayad
Sa bawat pusong dinudurog,
At utak na pinapasabog?
Hindi tayo, kundi sila
ang alipin ng pangamba,
kung kaya't namumuksa.
Ating tandaan, laging tandaan,
Matwid ang pinaglalaban.
Sa bawat pagkapit-bisig,
sa bawat welga at pag-aalsa,
Ang binabawi natin ay dangal,
Ang inaangkin ay karapatan.
Patag ang lupa
Kung saan tayo nakatindig.
Ang bayan na pinapaslang,
Ano't di sisigaw ng himagsik?

(TALA NG DIREKTOR: Makikita si Gabby na naglalakad nang paluhod patungo sa nakapako na si D.G.)

GABBY:

Gaano kadali ang pagpaslang?
Ikaw na aktibista, isang bala ka lang!
Tirahin sa gabi o madaling araw
Ng lalaking sa motorsiklo nakasakay.
(gunshots)

MGA TAGAPAGSALAYSAY:

Gaano kadali ang pagpaslang?
Isang bala lang at patay na agad.
Sino nga ba ang sisiyasat?

(TALA NG DIREKTOR: Lalabas ang mga mananayaw. Maiiwan sa gitna ng entablado sina D.G. at Gabby na animo "pieta" scene.)

GABBY:

(Aawit.)
Kung dadakpin, kailangan pa ng warrant.
Kung ikukulong, sisikip ang bilangguan.
Kaya gawin, ang simpleng paraan,
Ikaw na aktibista, isang bala ka lang.

MGA TAGAPAGSALAYSAY:

Gaano kadali ang pagpaslang?
Ni hindi tayo aabot sa hukuman.

GABBY:

Gaano kadali ang pagpaslang?
Ikaw na aktibista, isang bala ka lang!

(TALA NG DIREKTOR: Transition music. Papasok ang ilang MANANAYAW na may dalang tela. Pupunta sa harapan. Tatakpan sina Gabby at D. G. Lalabas ang lahat maliban sa mga TAGAPAGSALAYSAY at mga MANG-AAWIT.

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First Prize: **"Milagroso"** by Rodolfo R. Lana Jr.
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First Prize: **"The Palanca in Mind"** by Job A. Pagsibigan
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KABATAAN SANAYSAY

First Prize: **"Package"** by Wilminia J. Balon
Second Prize: **"Ang Pangako kay Asterz"** by Allan Jay T. Allonar Jr.
Third Prize: No Winner

TULA

First Prize: **"Sa Tanda ng Pagsisimula ng Buhay"** by Rebecca T. Añonuevo
Second Prize: **"Salit-Salitang Mga Tula ng Pagsulyap, Pakikibaka at Paglingap"** by Maria Josephine C. Barrios
Third Prize: **"Salamangka ng Santelmo"** by Emmanuel V. Dumlao

FUTURISTIC FICTION-FILIPINO

First Prize: **"Tala-Huli / Huling Tala: Si Manong, Sa Dyip, Ang Drayber, At Ako, Ako Lang Naman, Ang Kanyang Pasahero"** by Michael Francis C. Andrada
Second Prize: **"De-Lata"** by Enrique S. Villasis
Third Prize: **"Lunes, Alas Diyes ng Umaga"** by Vladimir B. Gonzales

MAIKLING KUWENTONG PAMBATA

First Prize: **"Ang Ikakiit sa Aming Hardin"** by Bernadette V. Neri
Second Prize: **"Taguan-Pung"** by Maynard G. Manansala
Third Prize: **"Ang Regalo ng Taong Ibon"** by Allan Alberto N. Derain

MAIKLING KUWENTO

First Prize: **"Si Intoy Syokoy ng Kalye Marino"** by Eros S. Atalia
Second Prize: **"Langaw"** by Kristian Sendon-Cordero
Third Prize: **"Buwan at Lupa"** by Edgar B. Maranan

MAIKLING KUWENTO-CEBUANO

First Prize: **"Ang Ungo sa San Pilar"** by Lamberto Ceballos
Second Prize: **"Dayaspora"** by Richel G. Dorotan
Third Prize: **"Mata sa Bagyo"** by Eleazar T. Acampado

MAIKLING KUWENTO-HILIGAYNON

First Prize: **"Duta Para sa mga Iskolar sang Banwa"** by Leoncio P. Deriada
Second Prize: **"Ang Kapid"** by Peter Solis Nery
Third Prize: **"Sagal-I"** by Bryan Mari Argos

MAIKLING KUWENTO-ILUKO

First Prize: **"Nabungon Iti Lawag"** by Bernardo D. Tabbada
Second Prize: **"Tugot"** by Danilo B. Antalan
Third Prize: **"Ni Ina Baket Gimma, Ti Aso, kon Ti Atang"** by Arnold P. Jose

ENGLISH DIVISION FULL-LENGTH PLAY

First Prize: **"The Death of Memory"** by Glenn Sevilla Mas
Second Prize: **"Chinchina and the Five Mountains"** by Amelia Lapeña Bonifacio
Third Prize: **"Ask Me Again When I'm Thirty"** by Maria Clarissa Estuar

ONE-ACT PLAY

First Prize: **"Ming Ming"** by Steven Prince C. Fernandez
Second Prize: **"Gabrielle"** by Joachim Emilio B. Antonio
Third Prize: **"Life After Beth"** by Nikki Alfar

POETRY

First Prize: **"The Highest Hiding-Place"** by Lawrence L. Ypil
Second Prize: **"Building A House, and other Poems"** by Sid Gomez Hildawa
Third Prize: **"Illuminations and Sonorities"** by Raymundo T. Pandan Jr.

FUTURISTIC FICTION-ENGLISH

First Prize: No Winner
Second Prize: **"Suman"** by Corinna Esperanza A. Nuqui
Third Prize: **"A Monumental Race"** by Arturo Ilano

SHORT STORY

First Prize: **"Mahogany Water"** by Socorro Villanueva
Second Prize: **"Sink or Swim"** by Myrza Sison
Third Prize: **"Trips"** by Ma. Celeste Flores-Coscolluela

SHORT STORY FOR CHILDREN

First Prize: **"Cut"** by Ma. Celeste Flores-Coscolluela
Second Prize: **"Big Brother"** by Grace D. Chong
Third Prize: **"How Rosang Taba Won a Race"** by Dean Francis Alfar

ESSAY

First Prize: **"Fungibility, Dead Souls, and OCW's** by Jose Edmundo O. Reyes
Second Prize: **"Hometown Stories and Footnotes to Childhood's End"** by Edgar B. Maranan
Third Prize: **"He'd Rather Be Relevant"** by Martin Villavert Villanueva

KABATAAN ESSAY

First Prize: **"Restructuring Idealism"** by Katrina G. Gomez
Second Prize: **"Home"** by Ryan Edward L. Chua
Third Prize: **"Coming Home"** by Hannah Lim Co

This Week

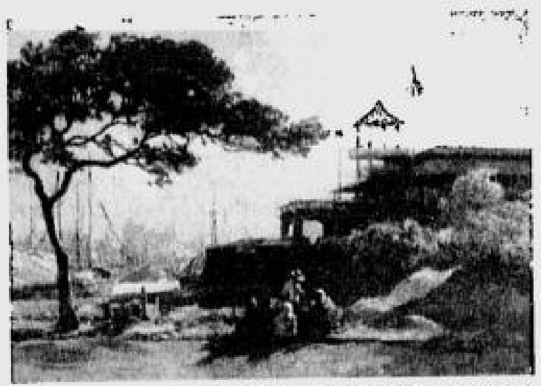
Art

Ode to the Pasig River features visionary sketches, sculptures, artworks in mixed media, and Fernando Amorsolo paintings celebrating the historical river of Pasig, until Sept. 17 at the ground floor of Ayala Museum, Makati Avenue corner Dela Rosa Street, Greenbelt Park, Makati City.

Galeria de las Islas mounts **A Glimpse of the Countryside**, an exhibit of oil on canvas works by Crisanto Lodronio until Sept. 30 at Ilustrado Restaurant, Fine Dining Restaurant located across the courtyard of the Silahis Center, 744 Gen. Luna St., Intramuros, Manila. For details, call 527-2113.

1+55: Perspectives on Corporate Art Patronage, selections from BPI and BSP Art Collections, until Sept. 30 at the Metropolitan Museum of Manila, BSP Complex, Roxas Boulevard, Manila.

Mag:net Gallery Paseo is exhibiting new works by **Jack Sotto** consisting of medium-size and large-scale abstract paintings until Sept. 30 at the ground floor of Paseo Centre, Paseo de Roxas corner Sedeño St., Makati City. For inquiries, call 817-7895.



Fernando Amorsolo's "Untitled (Landscape with Firetree)," part of the Ayala Museum's Pasig River exhibit

Galleria Duemila presents two solo exhibits—**Subjects**, a series of mix media drawings on Korean rice paper by Leonardo Aguinaldo at Gallery A, and **Celebration**, new paintings by Raul Lebajo at Gallery B. Shows will run until Sept. 30 at Galleria Duemila, 210 Loring St., Pasay City.

Deep Stretch, an exhibit by Christina Dy, Geraldine Javier and Lyra Garcellano featuring formalist concerns of various representations at Mag:net Gallery ABS, The Loop, ABS-CBN Compound, QC, until Sept. 30. For details, call 410-0995.

From Dogma to Devotion: Icons and Symbols in Philippine Religious Art, an exhibit of a selection of religious images and secular furniture featuring the collections of Vicky Vizcarra Amalingan and Antonio Martino at the fourth floor galleries of Ayala Museum until January 2007. For details, call 757-7117 to 21.

Cinema

Edades, a feature film on National Artist Victorio Edades by Nick Deocampo, produced by the NCCA, on Sept. 22, 2 p.m. at the Metropolitan Museum of Manila, BSP Complex, Roxas Boulevard, Manila. For inquiries, call 523-7855 and 536-1566.

Trumpets restages "Joseph The Dreamer" at SM Megamall Cinema 4

Onstage

Joseph the Dreamer, Trumpets' longest running musical, returns onstage at SM Megamall Cinema 4 on Sept. 10, 16, 17, 23, 24, 30 at 3 p.m. and Sept. 15, 16, 22, 23, 29, 30 at 7 p.m. Franco Laurel and Alvin dela Peña alternate in the lead role of Joseph. For ticket inquiries, contact Trumpets at 635-4478 or 636-2842.

Repertory Childre's Theatre presents the stage adaptation **Disney's Aladdin, Jr.** filled with magic, mayhem and flying carpet rides. The tuneful, Academy award-winning score with songs including "A Whole New World" and "Friend Like Me" will certainly make this musical a favorite for many years to come. The musical will run until Dec. 17 at Onstage, Greenbelt 1, Makati City. Call 887-0710 or 891-9999 for more details.

Music

Danita Paner will have her first major concert at the Music Museum billed **Danita... New Girl on the Block** on Sept. 14. Special guests are Sam Milby, Monty of Mayonnaise, Tutti of Protein Shake, Jeff of Soapdish and Piolo Pascual. Tickets are available at the Music Museum, National Bookstore and Ticketworld outlets. For inquiries, call Backroom at 435-1120.

Mag:net Café Performances: Sept. 18—Jasuits n Jazz Guitars; Sept. 19—Radioactive Sago Project / Wahijuara; Sept. 20—Jazz Night: Johnny Alegre-Affinity; Sept. 21—Silly People's Improv Theater (SPIT); Sept. 22—Blues Rock Night: Snakecharmer / Firebottle and more...; Sept. 23—10th Street Production. (Mag:net Café, 335 Katipunan Ave., Loyola Heights. QC. Tel. 9293191.

Atbp

Lawyer Mike Templo holds an **immigration seminar** on Sept. 20 at the Asian Institute of Management Conference Center in Makati City (near Greenbelt) at 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. The goal of the seminar is to familiarize US visa applicants or those planning to apply for a US visa with accurate information on US immigration. Atty. Templo has been residing in New York for seven years, concentrating on immigration and litigation cases. For those who are interested in attending the seminar, call or text Nikki at 0917-5380797 or 0917-6082276.

Take a leisurely **stroll in San Miguel district** as street guide Ivan ManDy takes visitors to poke around Manila's old millionaires' row as well as sample a fine-dine merienda in a historic mansion. To be held on Sept. 16, meet 1 p.m. at San Sebastian church steps. For details, call 0917-3291622.

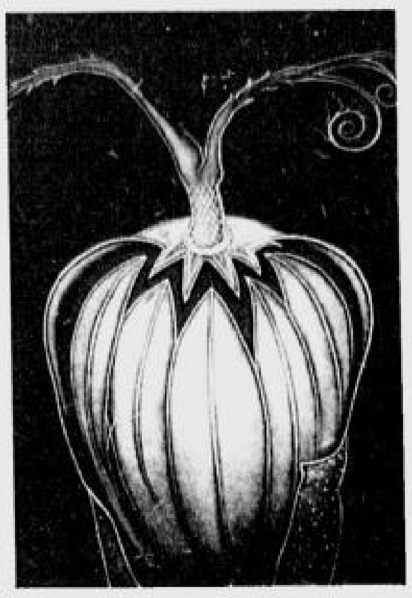
A **practical digital photography seminar** by the Federation of Philippine Photographers Foundation will start on Sept. 16 at Rm 302-A, Femi Building, Soriano Avenue, Intramuros, Manila. Participants to the 3 ½ Saturday course will learn camera parts and control, correct exposure, flash photography, composition, taking pictures, editing and file image. To register, call Cleng Jacinto at 524-7576 and 528-0371.

Scrappin' Moms is holding **Scrapfest in September**, a one-day scrapping fair, on Sept. 17, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Makati Park and Garden, J.P. Rizal Extension, Makati City. The fair aims to bring together all the scrapbooking suppliers in one roof and to provide a venue for all scrapbookers to learn new techniques and skills in scrapbooking. Tickets are available at P550 inclusive of materials, lunch and snacks. To reserve slots, contact 0917-3275529.

All those interested to become members of **Mensa Philippines**—14 years old and above—are invited to take its **qualifying test** on Sept. 23, anytime from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Room 101 of UP Hotel in Diliman, Quezon City (inside the UP campus). Scoring within the top 2 percent of the test is the only requirement for joining Mensa, the international society of people with high IQs. Bring a valid ID with photo and a P400 testing fee (discounted rate of P150 for undergrad students with ID), payable only at the testing venue. For inquiries, call or text Dimpy at 0917-5268641.

Starmaker, one of the major players in the pyrotechnics industry, mounts a **pyro musical show** at the SM Mall of Asia. The fireworks are synchronized with music through the Fireone Digital Firing system. This mechanism enables the fireworks display to be choreographed with music. The show, which is seen every Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m., lasts for about five minutes. Every weekend, mallgoers are entertained to different types of fireworks ranging from low, mid and high level fireworks.

Hip Dance Studio offers **gymnastics classes for kids and teens** every Saturday from 2 to 3:30 p.m. at 19 Dao St. (corner Tindalo St.), Bgy. Quirino 3A, Proj. 3, QC. Fee is P1,100 per student (7 sessions). For inquiries, call tel. 433-6207 or text (0919) 2156084.



Raul Lebajo's "April Bloom," on view at Galleria Duemila

There will be a **Hands-on seminar for advanced course on** fiberglass reinforced plastic on Sept. 21-23. Learn plug/pattern making, computation, gel coating and hand lay-up techniques, production, extraction, finishing, troubleshooting and carbon fiber demo. Call Polymer Products at 671-9837 to 39.

Basic Poetry Writing, a seminar-workshop on classical, haiku and free verse writing to be held on Sept. 23 at the Loyola School of Theology, Ateneo, QC. For inquiries, call 285-2449 or (0916) 3622406.

The Cultural Center of the Philippines is accepting applications for the **2006 Hands-On Choral Workshop** to be held in various venues of the CCP on Oct. 24-28, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The workshop sessions include vocalization techniques, sectional rehearsals, conducting techniques for conductors, individual choir sessions, note reading sessions and plenary sessions. Registration is on a first-come-first served basis. For inquiries, call 832-2414 or 832-1125 loc. 1604/1605.

X-manila

The Holy Angel University—Juan D. Nepomuceno Center for Kapampangan Studies, in collaboration with Crescere et Fluere Publishing, will launch in October 2006 the first book of Kapampangan doctor-writer Tec Sanchez-Tolosa. ***Ing Bie Kung Delanan, Ing Bie Kung Balikan* (The Life I Lived, The Life I'll Return To)** is a collection of 30 Kapampangan poems written and translated by the author. Translations, either in Filipino or English, appear side-by-side with the original versions. For advance orders and inquiries, call 732-0672, (045) 9637173.

For this week's bands and schedules call:

- Hard Rock Café (893-4662-65)
- Virgin Café : QC (926-7982)
- '70s Bistro: 46 Anonas St., QC (922-0492)
- Hobbit House: 1801 Mabini St., Malate, Manila (521-7604)
- Strumm's: El Pueblo, Ortigas (637-3009)

The SUNDAY INQUIRER MAGAZINE welcomes listings of events in and outside Metro Manila. Please send announcements at least two weeks in advance, and include contact numbers for inquiries on schedules

SUDOKU

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Conceptis Sudoku by Dave Green

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Difficulty Level ★★★★★

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Answer to previous puzzle

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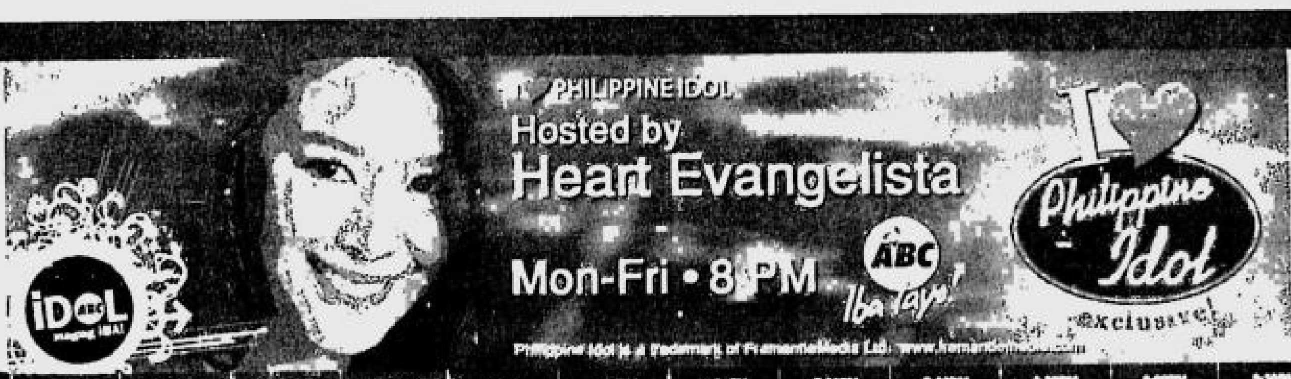
TV GUIDE

Sunday, September 10, 2006



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Channel	2:30PM	3:00PM	3:30PM	4:00PM	4:30PM	5:00PM	5:30PM	6:00PM	6:30PM	7:00PM	7:30PM	8:00PM	8:30PM	9:00PM	9:30PM	10:00PM	10:30PM	11:00PM	11:30PM
ABC5		Ringside TV		PBA				Letty La Mas Fea		TodoMax		Shall We Dance		Philippine Idol	ABC Action Theater				Onstage
ABS-CBN2	Your Song, Ang Soundtrack Ng Love Life Ko	Lovespell		The Buzz				TV Patrol World	Goin' Bulilit		Rated K		Sharon		Pinoy Dream Academy	Sunday's Best			
AXN		Hollywood Homicide					Samsung Sports World	WRC 2006: Japan		Fear Factor (Season VI)		World's Most Amazing Videos		CSI Crime Scene Investigation (Season 5)		CSI NY (Season2)		CSI Miami (Season4)	
Cartoon Network		Camp Lazlo (3:15PM)	Tom & Jerry Show, Tom & Jerry Tales	Baby Looney Tunes	Powerpuff Girls	Robotboy	Teen Titans	The Batman	Justice League Unlimited	Courage The Cowardly Dog			The Grim Adventures Of Billy & Mandy	Power Rangers Dino Thunder Gundam Seed Destiny	Gundam Seed Destiny	The Simpsons	Harvey Birdman (10:45PM)	Justice League	The Batman
Cinemax	Dead Birds			A Nightmare On Elm Street Part 2 Freddy's Revenge			Love Walked In (5:35PM)			Night Falls On Manhattan (7:10PM)				Battlestar Galactica Mission 10			Paycheck		
CNN		World News		World News	World Sport	Larry King Live		World News	World Sport	World News		World News	World Sport	Talk Asia		World News	The Daily Show With Jon Stewart	Late Edition Live	
Crime/Suspense		I, Detective	Extreme Evidence	Law & Order		Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Law & Order Special Victims Unit		Cold Case/Law Firm		Treasure Hunters		Law & Order Criminal Intent		The Grid/Oz		Dominick Dunne's Power Privilege & Justice	
Disney Channel	Art Attack/Billy & Buddy	Totally Spies		Kim Possible	Lilo & Stitch	Martin Mystery/ Hannah Montana	American Dragon	Emperor's New School	Suite Life Of Zack And Cody	Mr Bean	Wonderful World Of Disney			America's Funniest Home Video	Totally Spies	Kim Possible	Martin Mystery	Wonderful World Of Disney	
ESPN				Major League Baseball Friday						LPGA Golf John Q. Hammons Hotel Classic 2nd Rd				Major League Baseball Saturday					
ETC		Saturday Night Live		Insider Weekend	Rated Oh! 5	American Dreams 2		One Tree Hill 3		America's Next Top Model 5		Queer Eye For The Straight Guy		Project Runway 2		Nip/Tuck 3		Rated Oh!	Insider Weekend
ETC 2nd Avenue		Blow Out 2		Today Show - 1 Hour Version		Dateline		Cold Turkey 2		NBC Nightly News	WSJR	Nanny 911		The Director		West Wing		NBC Nightly News	Hollywood One On One
EWTN	Defending Life	Chaplet Of Mercy/ Angelus	The Donut Man	Adventures In Odyssey	Rosary With Mother Angelica	Octavio Dies	Rome Reports	EWTN Global Showcase		Onward Pilgrims	Images of Mary	Sunday Mass Live			The World Over Encore		Life Is Worth Living	The Abundant Life	
Fox News	Fox News Watch	Fox Report Saturday		Heartland With John Kasich		Big Story Weekend Edition		Beltway Boys	Fox News Watch	Fox & Friends Sunday						Fox News Live			
GMA7	Gigstars	Love To Love		S-Files				Mahiwagang Baul		Pinoy Meets World		Mel & Joey		All Star K		Daddy Di Do Du		Sunday Night Box Office	
Hallmark Channel				Annie O				Riding The Bus With My Sister				Wild At Heart		A Time To Remember			Murder 101C: Detective Murdoch Mysteries: Dragon's Tail		
HBO	Entourage 14: Chinatown	Around The Bend (3:35PM)		Lackawanna Blues (4:15PM)			Lorenzo's Oil (5:45PM)					Now On The Big Screen In Sept.	The Saint				Timeline (10:25PM)		
Hero TV	Mashin Robo-Rescue	Dear Boys	Demon Lord Dante	Baki The Grappler	Zenki	Rockman	Peacemaker	Sorcerer Orphen	Barom One	Babel II	Mars The Terminator/G3		Voltes V Evolution	Street Fighter OVA			Ragnarok	Demon Lord Dante	Baki The Grappler
IBC13		Ang Ba'ng Hanap Mo?		EZ Shop		Home Shopping Network		Home Shopping Network		My Final Say On Cha-Cha		Pinoy Action Hits				Iyo Ang Katarungan	EL SHADDAI		
JackTV				Comedy Central	Premium Blend	The Daily Show With Jon Stewart	The Daily Show With Jon Stewart	Distraction	Banzai	American Dad	Family Guy	WWE Smackdown				South Park	Drawn Together	Crank Yankers	Dr Katz
Lifestyle Network	Embellish This	DIY Crafts	DIY Jewelry Making	Your Private Island	Fine Living Special		Barefoot Contessa	Everyday Italian	Wolfgang Puck	Food Network Special		E! Entertainment Special		The Importance Of Being Ernest				Fashion Trance	
MTV Philippines					Homecoming	Room Raiders	Boiling Points	Pimp My Ride	Homewrecker	Punk'd									
MYX		Pinoy MYX Countdown				Take 5	MYX Bandarito	MYX News	Star MYX	OPM MYX	Pop MYX	MYX Presents			MYX Hit Chart			MYX Backtrax	MYXilog
National Geographic	Storm Stories	Volcano Eruption at Pinatubo		Explorations Powered by Duracell	Amazing Moments	Infinite Possibilities: Creative Asian Beauty		Hurricane Floyd		Explorations Powered By Duracell	From The Heart: Antarctica	Mega Asia: Dubai's Palm Island		Inside 9/11: Bin Laden's Spy In America				Nat Geo Investigates: Pentagon 9-11	
NBN		Tinig Ng Bayan (Sining Gising)						Tinig Ng Bayan (Live)		Congress In Action		The Working President	Under Construction	The Sports List		Pilipinas Ngayon Na!		Special Events From Malacañang And Other Major Events (Replay)	
Net25	INC Chronicles (Filipino)	In Focus	Euromaxx	Ang Mga [illegible] Daan		Ang Pagbubunyag		Net25 Weekend Report	DWTV Journal Weekend Edition	Tribe	Convergence	Ang Mga [illegible] Daan		Ang Tamang Daan		Net 25 Weekend Report	Euromaxx	DWTV Journal Weekend Edition	Tomorrow Today
Nickelodeon	The Adventures Of Jimmy Neutron	Zoey 101	Ned's Declassified School Survival Guide	Avatar The Legend Of Aang	Catscratch	The X's	Danny Phantom	Trollz	SpongeBob SquarePants	All That	Zoey 101	Ned's Declassified School Survival Guide	Dark Oracle/ Romeo!	Romeo/Naturally Sadie	All That	The Brothers Garcia All Grown Up	The Fairly OddParents As Told By Ginger	My Dad The Rock Star	
PBO			Buhay Kamao				Grease Gun Gang				Maging Sino Ka Man				Pinoy Idols				Kumukulong Dugo
QTV		Lois And Clark		Galaxy Angels		Bongga Ka Star		Ang Pinaka...		Pop Star Kids		May Trabaho Ka		Sunday Super Sine				Groupee TV	
RPN9		Golf Power	Fistorama		Sure Hits	WWE Smackdown		JAG		Navy NCIS		Without A Trace		Sunday's Big Event					The Working President
SBN21				Buhay Pinoy		Shepherd's Voice		New Life				Oras Ng Himala		Diyos Ng Kaluwalhatian		Gabay At Aksyon			
Solar Sports				Beach Volleyball: FIVB Men's Finals		PBA D-Ball Open '06		GWS 30-2006	NBA TVOT: Slam Dunk	WNBA Finals Game 5				Super Slugfest: P. Williams vs. S. Mitchell					
Sports Plus			Golf Today	Motoring Today		BM Transport Show	Nopi Tunervision	U.S. Open '06 Men's SFinal						Raceworld		U.S. Open '06 Women's Sgls Final			
Star Movies	The Triangle - Ep02			The Girl Next Door			America's Sweethearts				Garfield The Movie (7:15PM)			Be Cool				Desperado	
Star World		The Office	Arrested Development	Kevin Hill		Business Week Asia	Travel Asia	NCIS		Sons & Daughters	The Office	Oprah Winfrey Show		Life Isn't All Ha Ha Hee Hee			Parkinson		Oprah Winfrey Show
Studio23								Exposed		Gagito!	Y-Speak		US Girls	Desperate Housewives		Night Tour (10:15PM)	Badminton Extreme		Tru Calling

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SM launches elite membership club

SM ADVANTAGE, THE COUNTRY'S biggest consumer loyalty program, has launched its elite membership club called SM Advantage Prestige.

In a launch event held recently at the newly opened SM Prestige Lounge in SM Makati, SM officials joined members of the print and television media in simple ceremonies to mark the introduction of the Prestige program.

Prestige is a higher-tier loyalty program developed by SM Advantage for its top members who were able to demonstrate their continuing patronage of SM retail establishments such as SM Department Store, SM Supermarket, SM Hypermarket and other SM retail affiliates. Prestige members are entitled to first-rate privileges that are over and above those which they enjoy as SM Advantage members. With the Prestige Card, members are treated to special services that make every shopping visit in SM a very pleasurable and rewarding experience.

According to Rey Maclang, assistant vice president for marketing, SM Advantage Prestige is designed to provide SM's best customers with the ultimate in shopping rewards. "SM Prestige promises to take shopping to a whole new level. We have big plans for this program, and members can expect to see more privileges and more premium offers in the coming days," Maclang said.

"Aside from privileges that provide shopping convenience, discounts and freebies from leading hotels, restaurants and spas, SM retail establishments have also lined up several sale and promo activities throughout the year that are exclusive to Prestige members," Maclang added.

SM Advantage is the customer loyalty program of the SM retail group It currently has a total of over 2.6 million members nationwide. SM Advantage members earn points and redeem rewards at SM Department Store, SM Supermarket, SM Hypermarket, SM Appliance Center, Ace Hardware, Toy Kingdom, Surplus Shop, Our Home, Sports Central, Kultura and Baby and Co.

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AD FOUNDATION RECEIVES DONATION

The Advertising Foundation of the Philippines, the social development institution of the multisectoral advertising industry, recently received a cash donation from the Advertising Board of the Philippines, the self-regulation umbrella organization of the Philippine advertising, for its invaluable assistance to the 19th Philippine Advertising Congress, most particularly on Congress protocol and government relations/liaison work, training of Cebu-based student volunteers, and delegates registration-promotion of the Congress. AdBoard chair Matec Villanueva, board chair of Publicis Manila, turns over the donation to Johnip Cua, incumbent chair of Ad Foundation (center). Witnessing the turnover are (from left): Pepito Olarte, president of United Print Media Group (UPMG), vice president of Philippine Daily Inquirer, AdBoard director, and Foundation PRO; Tessie Celestino Howard, president of Independent Blocktimers Association (IBA), Foundation trustee and AdBoard director; Edgar Navalta, president of Advertising Suppliers Association of the Philippines (Asap) and the treasurer of the AdBoard and Ad Foundation; Howard Belton, chair/CEO of Unilever Philippines and incumbent Foundation vice chair; Ruperto Nicdao Jr., chair of Kapisanan ng mga Brodkaster sa Pilipinas (KBP), president of Manila Broadcasting Company, and Foundation comptroller; and Linda Gamboa, assistant board secretary and executive director of the Advertising Foundation. The Ad Foundation and AdBoard will hold the 2006 Araw Values Advertising (AVA) Awards this December to duly honor branded communications, advocacy and institutional advertising with values messages, under the auspices of the AVA organizing committee co-chaired by Raul Alvarez, assistant vice president of PLDT and AdBoard values promotion committee chair, and Antonio Samson, president/CEO of OMD Phils and immediate past Foundation chair.

SMART CLOSES CORPORATE SALES DEAL WITH CCA

Wireless services provider Smart Communications Inc secured a deal with the Center for Culinary Arts (CCA) , the country's premier professional culinary educational institution, for its mobile communications requirements. Shown during the contract signing are (seated, from left): Paz Sales, managing director, CCA; Marinela Trinidad, vice president and treasurer, CCA; Ernesto Alberto, corporate business group head, PLDT; and Javier Lagdameo, corporate business group - wireless head, PLDT; (standing, from left): Anne Palmares, public relations manager, CCA; Josephine Lopez, comptroller, CCA; Benedicto Perez, corporate business group sales head, Smart; Debbie Liong, corporate business group - wireless business head for broadband, Smart; and Philip Herson 'Bimbo' Baleros, corporate business group relationship manager for broadband, sales, Smart.

BPI PARTNERS WITH ADMU FOR MFI OPERATIONS

MOA SIGNING

The Bank of the Philippine Islands (BPI) recently signed a Memorandum of Agreement with the Ateneo de Manila University (AdMU) to seal its partnership with the university's Development Studies Program. The Ateneo de Manila University's Development Studies Program will conduct courses in microfinance for officers and staff of microfinance institutions (MFIs). The program will be administered in different provinces nationwide. Through this partnership, BPI Foundation Inc hopes to further its efforts in microfinance lending and savings mobilization, as well as reaffirm its commitment to supporting and maintaining sustainable microfinance in the country. Signatories include (seated, from left): Jose M. Santos, AdMU vice president for finance and treasurer; and Eduardo D. Jose, Jr., BPI corporate banking senior vice president and BPI Foundation, Inc executive director. Witnesses are (from left): Josaias T. de la Cruz, BPI VP for microfinance; Myra G. Almogino, manager for program development and management, BPI Foundation, Inc (BPIFI); Leland Joseph R. de la Cruz, AdMU director for development studies program; and Mariel Vincent A. Rapisura, AdMU lecturer for Development Studies Program.

WORLD VISION CITES TOYOTA

World Vision Development Foundation Inc (WVDF), an international Christian development organization committed to uplift the lives of less fortunate people and communities in more than 90 countries worldwide, recently awarded a plaque of appreciation to Toyota Motor Philippines Corp (TMP) in recognition of the company's dedicated support to poor Filipino children, families and communities. In photo is TMP vice president for human resources Ma. Cristina Arevalo (right) receiving the award from Bishop Deogracias Iniguez Jr (second from left), chair of the WVDF board of trustees. Looking on are Elnora Avarientos (left) WVDF executive director and Dean Hirsch, president of World Vision Partnership Office, USA.

NESTLÉ VOLUNTEERS ASSIST MOUNTAIN CLIMBERS

Volunteers from the Nestlé factory in Lipa City, Batangas provided assistance to the more than 20,000 mountain climbers who took part in a trek to Mt. Makulot. The volunteers administered first aid treatments to some of the more than 50 individuals who suffered minor and major injuries. The Nestlé volunteers were recognized by PNRC Batangas for their volunteerism, hard work and assistance.

DENNIS RENEWS CONTRACT WITH MOLECULES

Dennis Trillo recently renewed his contract as celebrity endorser of Molecules. Shown during the contract signing are (from left) Cherry Yau, manager, Chanel Manufacturing; Dennis Trillo, celebrity endorser of Molecules; and Popoy Caritativo, manager of Dennis Trillo.

CONNECTIVITY TO THE RESIDENCES

Globe Broadband and Worldpass provided connectivity at the recent launching of the Manila Tower of The Residences at Greenbelt, enabling real-time online reservation of condominium units during the event. With Worldpass and Globe Broadband, reservations made at The Residences registration station at Greenbelt 2 and The Residences showroom at Greenbelt 3 could be viewed simultaneously that allowed units sold to be blocked off immediately during the launch. Globe Broadband enriches the Filipinos' lives as it allows real time communication to anywhere in the globe. With its fast Internet connections, Globe Broadband enables true interactivity and provides a richer multimedia experience to subscribers. Worldpass is Internet connection anytime, anywhere, It gives subscribers the flexibility to access the Internet in three ways - via broadband from any Globelines-connected PC, dial-up from any computer using any landline within the country, or Wi-Fi from any GlobeQUEST Wiz hotspot using a Wi-Fi enabled laptop, PDA or mobile phone. Worldpass is the all-in-one mobile Internet access. In photo are (from left) Globelines territory manager Joanne Gudgad, Ayala Land president Jaime Ayala, Ayala Land department manager-sales Amir Priscilla and Globelines territory manager Ice Yulo.

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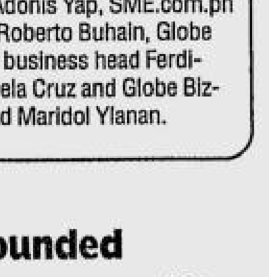
GLOBE PARTNERS WITH PLANTERSBANK

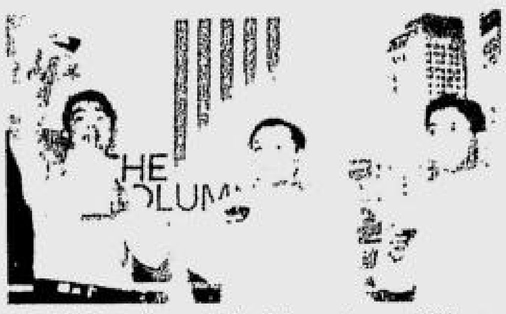
Globe Telecom Inc and Planters Development Bank's SME.com.ph have recently tied up to bring more opportunities to the country's small and medium enterprises (SMEs) to grow their businesses. Globe is now the telecom partner of SME.com.ph, an e-Community for Filipino SMEs operated by PDB-SME Solutions Inc, an affiliate of Plantersbank. Globe helps enrich businesses by providing them with reliable and quality connectivity services through Globe Handyphone, Globelines and Globe Broadband. Sealing the partnership are (from left) SME.com.ph general manager Adonis Yap, SME.com.ph president Roberto Buhain, Globe consumer business head Ferdinand M. Dela Cruz and Globe Bizworks head Maridol Ylanan.

Girls have a healthy, well-rounded lifestyle with Charmee



STRENGTHENING ITS POSITION IN THE market as the country's most dependable yet affordable pad, Charmee brings focus into bringing balance into every girl's life with its line of feminine protection products. Balance is all about having a healthy and well-rounded lifestyle. With Charmee All Flow No Wings, there is now a better choice for protection. Charmee aims to help girls reach their goals by giving them the confidence they need. It has leak control channels for even liquid distribution maximizing usage of the pad and a super absorbent core that absorbs liquid, turning it to gel for a dry feeling. What's more is that the soft and comfortable cotton cover provides a clean feeling without irritation. That is why Charmee provides a clean and fresh feeling even during monthly periods. Only Charmee All Flow No Wings absorbs all types of flow in one sleek pad. Charmee All Flow No Wings are available in all leading supermarkets, drugstores, groceries and sari-sari stores nationwide.

TCLV ROAD SHOW HITS CEBU



Cebu rolled out the red carpet for The Columns Legazpi Village (TCLV), the newest real estate project tailored fit for the lifestyle of urban achievers. A project of Community Innovations, an Ayala Land company, the new Columns is a sequel of the highly successful The Columns Ayala Avenue. The TCLV sales booth was housed at the Ayala Center Cebu. A cocktail party attended by the project's proponents and Cebu's prominent figures was the highlight of the month-long event. The Columns Legazpi Village is a 41-storey twin tower structure at the corner of Arnaiz Avenue (formerly Pasay Road) and Amorsolo Street. For inquiries on owning a home at The Columns Legazpi Village, call 888-0000, e-mail cil-sales@ayalaland.com.ph. Model units are available for viewing daily at the 3rd level of Glorietta 3, Ayala Center, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. (Sunday to Thursday) 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. (Friday and Saturday). In photo are (from left) Jake Roxas sales manager; Efren Tan, vice president for sales; and Raymond Domingo, sales director.

UNILAB MEDICAL MISSION IN GUIMARAS

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SM launches elite membership club

SM ADVANTAGE, THE COUNTRY'S biggest consumer loyalty program, has launched its elite membership club called SM Advantage Prestige.

In a launch event held recently at the newly opened SM Prestige Lounge in SM Makati, SM officials joined members of the print and television media in simple ceremonies to mark the introduction of the Prestige program.

Prestige is a higher-tier loyalty program developed by SM Advantage for its top members who were able to demonstrate their continuing patronage of SM retail establishments such as SM Department Store, SM Supermarket, SM Hypermarket and other SM retail affiliates. Prestige members are entitled to first-rate privileges that are over and above those which they enjoy as SM Advantage members. With the Prestige Card, members are treated to special services that make every shopping visit in SM a very pleasurable and rewarding experience.

According to Rey Maclang, assistant vice president for marketing, SM Advantage Prestige is designed to provide SM's best customers with the ultimate in shopping rewards. "SM Prestige promises to take shopping to a whole new level. We have big plans for this program, and members can expect to see more privileges and more premium offers in the coming days," Maclang said.

"Aside from privileges that provide shopping convenience, discounts and freebies from leading hotels, restaurants and spas, SM retail establishments have also lined up several sale and promo activities throughout the year that are exclusive to Prestige members," Maclang added.

SM Advantage is the customer loyalty program of the SM retail group It currently has a total of over 2.6 million members nationwide. SM Advantage members earn points and redeem rewards at SM Department Store, SM Supermarket, SM Hypermarket, SM Appliance Center, Ace Hardware, Toy Kingdom, Surplus Shop, Our Home, Sports Central, Kultura and Baby and Co.

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AD FOUNDATION RECEIVES DONATION

The Advertising Foundation of the Philippines, the social development institution of the multisectoral advertising industry, recently received a cash donation from the Advertising Board of the Philippines, the self-regulation umbrella organization of the Philippine advertising, for its invaluable assistance to the 19th Philippine Advertising Congress, most particularly on Congress protocol and government relations/liaison work, training of Cebu-based student volunteers, and delegates registration-promotion of the Congress. AdBoard chair Matec Villanueva, board chair of Publicis Manila, turns over the donation to Johnip Cua, incumbent chair of Ad Foundation (center). Witnessing the turnover are (from left): Pepito Olarte, president of United Print Media Group (UPMG), vice president of Philippine Daily Inquirer, AdBoard director, and Foundation PRO; Tessie Celestino Howard, president of Independent Blocktimers Association (IBA), Foundation trustee and AdBoard director; Edgar Navalta, president of Advertising Suppliers Association of the Philippines (Asap) and the treasurer of the AdBoard and Ad Foundation; Howard Belton, chair/CEO of Unilever Philippines and incumbent Foundation vice chair; Ruperto Nicdao Jr., chair of Kapisanan ng mga Brodkaster sa Pilipinas (KBP), president of Manila Broadcasting Company, and Foundation comptroller; and Linda Gamboa, assistant board secretary and executive director of the Advertising Foundation. The Ad Foundation and AdBoard will hold the 2006 Araw Values Advertising (AVA) Awards this December to duly honor branded communications, advocacy and institutional advertising with values messages, under the auspices of the AVA organizing committee co-chaired by Raul Alvarez, assistant vice president of PLDT and AdBoard values promotion committee chair, and Antonio Samson, president/CEO of OMD Phils and immediate past Foundation chair.

SMART CLOSES CORPORATE SALES DEAL WITH CCA

Wireless services provider Smart Communications Inc secured a deal with the Center for Culinary Arts (CCA) , the country's premier professional culinary educational institution, for its mobile communications requirements. Shown during the contract signing are (seated, from left): Paz Sales, managing director, CCA; Marinela Trinidad, vice president and treasurer, CCA; Ernesto Alberto, corporate business group head, PLDT; and Javier Lagdameo, corporate business group - wireless head, PLDT; (standing, from left): Anne Palmares, public relations manager, CCA; Josephine Lopez, comptroller, CCA; Benedicto Perez, corporate business group sales head, Smart; Debbie Liong, corporate business group - wireless business head for broadband, Smart; and Philip Herson 'Bimbo' Baleros, corporate business group relationship manager for broadband, sales, Smart.

BPI PARTNERS WITH ADMU FOR MFI OPERATIONS

The Bank of the Philippine Islands (BPI) recently signed a Memorandum of Agreement with the Ateneo de Manila University (AdMU) to seal its partnership with the university's Development Studies Program. The Ateneo de Manila University's Development Studies Program will conduct courses in microfinance for officers and staff of microfinance institutions (MFIs). The program will be administered in different provinces nationwide. Through this partnership, BPI Foundation Inc hopes to further its efforts in microfinance lending and savings mobilization, as well as reaffirm its commitment to supporting and maintaining sustainable microfinance in the country. Signatories include (seated, from left): Jose M. Santos, AdMU vice president for finance and treasurer; and Eduardo D. Jose, Jr., BPI corporate banking senior vice president and BPI Foundation, Inc executive director. Witnesses are (from left): Josaias T. de la Cruz, BPI VP for microfinance; Myra G. Almogino, manager for program development and management, BPI Foundation, Inc (BPIFI); Leland Joseph R. de la Cruz, AdMU director for development studies program; and Mariel Vincent A. Rapisura, AdMU lecturer for Development Studies Program.

WORLD VISION CITES TOYOTA

World Vision Development Foundation Inc (WVDF), an international Christian development organization committed to uplift the lives of less fortunate people and communities in more than 90 countries worldwide, recently awarded a plaque of appreciation to Toyota Motor Philippines Corp (TMP) in recognition of the company's dedicated support to poor Filipino children, families and communities. In photo is TMP vice president for human resources Ma. Cristina Arevalo (right) receiving the award from Bishop Deogracias Iniguez Jr (second from left), chair of the WVDF board of trustees. Looking on are Elnora Avarientos (left) WVDF executive director and Dean Hirsch, president of World Vision Partnership Office, USA.

NESTLÉ VOLUNTEERS ASSIST MOUNTAIN CLIMBERS

Volunteers from the Nestlé factory in Lipa City, Batangas provided assistance to the more than 20,000 mountain climbers who took part in a trek to Mt. Makulot. The volunteers administered first aid treatments to some of the more than 50 individuals who suffered minor and major injuries. The Nestlé volunteers were recognized by PNRC Batangas for their volunteerism, hard work and assistance.

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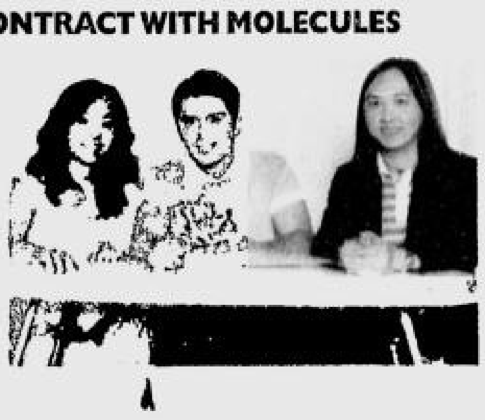

Dennis Trillo recently renewed his contract as celebrity endorser of Molecules. Shown during the contract signing are (from left) Cherry Yau, manager, Chanel Manufacturing; Dennis Trillo, celebrity endorser of Molecules; and Popoy Caritativo, manager of Dennis Trillo.

CONNECTIVITY TO THE RESIDENCES

Globe Broadband and Worldpass provided connectivity at the recent launching of the Manila Tower of The Residences at Greenbelt, enabling real-time online reservation of condominium units during the event. With Worldpass and Globe Broadband, reservations made at The Residences registration station at Greenbelt 2 and The Residences showroom at Greenbelt 3 could be viewed simultaneously that allowed units sold to be blocked off immediately during the launch. Globe Broadband enriches the Filipinos' lives as it allows real time communication to anywhere in the globe. With its fast Internet connections, Globe Broadband enables true interactivity and provides a richer multimedia experience to subscribers. Worldpass is Internet connection anytime, anywhere, It gives subscribers the flexibility to access the Internet in three ways - via broadband from any Globelines-connected PC, dial-up from any computer using any landline within the country, or Wi-Fi from any GlobeQUEST Wiz hotspot using a Wi-Fi enabled laptop, PDA or mobile phone. Worldpass is the all-in-one mobile Internet access. In photo are (from left) Globelines territory manager Joanne Gudgad, Ayala Land president Jaime Ayala, Ayala Land department manager-sales Amir Priscilla and Globelines territory manager Ice Yulo.

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GLOBE PARTNERS WITH PLANTERSBANK

Globe Telecom Inc and Planters Development Bank's SME.com.ph have recently tied up to bring more opportunities to the country's small and medium enterprises (SMEs) to grow their businesses. Globe is now the telecom partner of SME.com.ph, an e-Community for Filipino SMEs operated by PDB-SME Solutions Inc, an affiliate of Plantersbank. Globe helps enrich businesses by providing them with reliable and quality connectivity services through Globe Handyphone, Globelines and Globe Broadband. Sealing the partnership are (from left) SME.com.ph general manager Adonis Yap, SME.com.ph president Roberto Buhain, Globe consumer business head Ferdinand M. Dela Cruz and Globe Bizworks head Maridol Ylanan.

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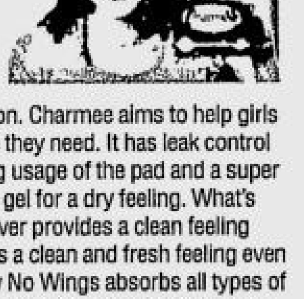

STRENGTHENING ITS POSITION IN THE market as the country's most dependable yet affordable pad, Charmee brings focus into bringing balance into every girl's life with its line of feminine protection products. Balance is all about having a healthy and well-rounded lifestyle. With Charmee All Flow No Wings, there is now a better choice for protection. Charmee aims to help girls reach their goals by giving them the confidence they need. It has leak control channels for even liquid distribution maximizing usage of the pad and a super absorbent core that absorbs liquid, turning it to gel for a dry feeling. What's more is that the soft and comfortable cotton cover provides a clean feeling without irritation. That is why Charmee provides a clean and fresh feeling even during monthly periods. Only Charmee All Flow No Wings absorbs all types of flow in one sleek pad. Charmee All Flow No Wings are available in all leading supermarkets, drugstores, groceries and sari-sari stores nationwide.

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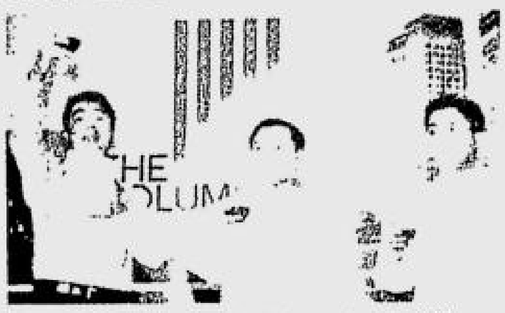

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